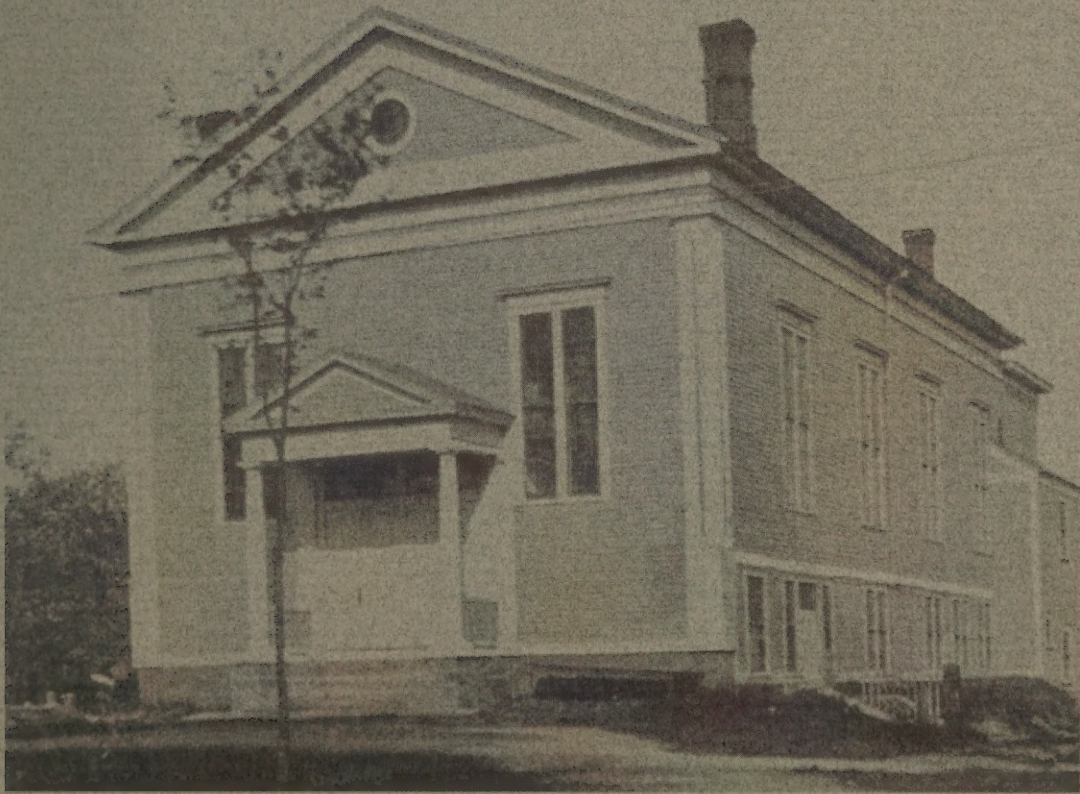


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Accounting

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Friday

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9:00 am - noon

Deborah Mero

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Administrative Assistant

Monday - Thursday
Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - noon

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ext. 15

Assessors Office

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Wednesday

Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Closed

Carol Holden

ext. 18

Building Inspector

Tuesday & Thursday

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

James Hawkins

ext. 22

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Monday
Wednesday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Barbara Brassor

ext. 13

Town Clerk

Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday (2nd)

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gail V. Zukowski

ext. 12

Wednesday (1st, 3rd, 4th)

9:00 am - noon
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Town Secretary

Monday through Thursday
Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Michele Turner

Gail Zukowski

ext. 10

Senior Center

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Suzanne Sweeney

ext. 14

Inspectors

Plumbing / Gas
Wiring

Frank Turner
Tom McDonald

498-5595

498-4301

TOWN BOARDS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEETING TIMES

<u>Agricultural Comm.</u>	1 st Thurs. 7:30 pm	William Ames	498-5088
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	1 st & 3 rd Wed 7:00 pm	Eugene L'Etoile	498-2968
<u>Board of Health</u>	2 nd & 4 th Thurs 7:00 pm	office	498-2901 ext. 17
<u>Board of Library Trustees</u>	1 st Tues 6:00 pm Library	Jon McGowan	498-2854
<u>Board Of Selectmen</u>	Tues. 7 pm	John Spanbauer	498-0233
<u>Conservation Comm.</u>	3 rd Wed 7:30 pm	William Llewelyn	498-5869
<u>Council on Aging</u>	3 rd Thurs 9:00 am	Mary Jane Porter	498-5766
<u>Cultural Council</u>	As Needed	Jeanne Sisson	498-2227
<u>Energy Committee</u>	1 st Wed 3:00 pm Library	Don Campbell	498-0027
<u>Finance Committee</u>	2 nd Mon 7:00 pm	Lois Stearns	498-2216
<u>Historical Comm.</u>	2 nd Thurs 7:30 pm	Marie Ferre	498-4599
<u>Northfield Rescue</u>	15 th of the month 7 pm if 15 th is Sat meet - Fri. if 15 th is Sun meet - Mon Fire Station		
<u>Open Space Comm.</u>	3 rd Tues 7:15 pm	Nick Fleck	498-2417
<u>Planning Board</u>	2 nd Wed 7:00 pm	Mathew Bazzani	498-4490 evening 824-7171 day
<u>PVRS District Comm.</u>		Patricia Shearer	498-2092
<u>Recreation Comm.</u>	2 nd Tues. 7:00 pm	Stephen Bachinski	498-2093
<u>Sewer Comm.</u>	1 st Wed. 3:30 pm	Sue Kaczinski	498-5723
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	Usually 2 nd Mon. 7:00 pm Or as posted	Edward Shearer	498-2730

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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYEES AND BOARD MEMBERS

ACCOUNTANT

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a 3-year term. The Accountant examines all bills, drafts, orders and payrolls for accuracy, legality and proper signatures. S/he prepares warrants for submission to the Treasurer for payment; keeps a complete set of books for the Town showing appropriations, amounts and purposes of expenditures; receipts from all sources and amount of assessments levied and abatements made; prepares monthly appropriation statements for all departments; receives all budgets in preparation for the coming fiscal year and serves as liaison to, provides revenue statements and works closely with, the Finance Committee and other Town officials in preparing the town budget and in monitoring the Town's fiscal condition; prepares annual reports to the State and Town as required by law.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The AA implements and administers the wide range of policies and programs which come before the Board, researches and provides background for policy decisions, serves as liaison between the Selectmen's office and other town departments, as well as with State and other Municipal offices and the general public; contacts Town Counsel with the approval of the Board, prepares bid specifications for goods and services; assists with the budget and prepares grant applications.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Comprised of three members, elected for a 3-year term. In addition a full time assistant assessor and a part time property inspector staff the office. The Board meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Assessors are required by MA Law to value all real & personal property based on "full and fair cash value" and are responsible for setting the tax rate; committing real and personal property to the Tax Collector; updating property records for new construction, all abatements and motor vehicle excise. The Board also updates town tax maps, changes of address and reviews all applications for abatements, exemptions and special land use qualifications.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Comprised of five members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Board performs duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. Mandated duties include health care and disease control; enforcement of housing and dwelling codes; monitoring of and providing for hazardous waste disposal; monitoring the Transfer Station; enforcement of Title 5; investigating nuisances which may be injurious to health; enforcing the State Sanitary Code involving food service establishments and enforcing the State Environmental Code regarding safety and sanitation of pools and beaches. The Board has a part-time Health Agent, through the Town's membership in the Eastern Franklin County Health District. This is a very valuable service to the Town and the Board of Health.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board is comprised of three members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets each Tuesday at 7 pm unless otherwise posted. The Selectboard are the Chief Administrative Officers of the town and supervise all matters that are not specifically delegated by law or vote to some other board or office. One of the most important functions of the Selectboard is the preparation of the Town Meeting Warrant. The warrant is composed of articles outlining each subject on which the town meeting must vote. Articles for town finances, zoning changes, accepting funds and grants, or disposing of property are a few examples of town warrant articles. Once voted, it is the Board's responsibilities to see to the implementation of the wishes of the voters. The Selectmen have the authority and responsibility to provide general policy direction, issue administrative orders, appoint and serve as hiring authority for most of the Town Boards, Committees and officials who administer Town Government; engage and supervise Town legal counsel and approve actions; authorize all borrowing and all expenditures, including payroll; act as the Town Licensing Board, issuing alcohol, livery, auctioneer and new & used car sales licenses and common victualers; publish the Annual Town Report and oversee municipal property and risk management for the Town, and enter into contracts on behalf of the Town.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

is comprised of six members appointed by the Town Moderator for a 3-year term each. The Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. and as otherwise posted. This committee's prime responsibility is to make recommendations on all financial matters, including the budget, to town meeting. In order to do this, the Committee initiates annual budget requests and capital requests to all Town Boards and Committees then reviews and analyzes these requests, interviewing Department Heads and Board/Committee Chairs as appropriate. The committee has oversight responsibility for all municipal financial matters.

PLANNING BOARD

is comprised of five members elected for a 5-year term. The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted. The Board is mandated by MA State law to prepare and maintain the Town's Master Plan and Official Map; prepare, adopt and administer Subdivision Rules and Regulations; review all subdivision plans submitted under state and local by-laws and regulations; supervise construction of subdivision roads and drainage systems; prepare and present zoning amendments at Town Meeting and review site plans for any changes in land use.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

is comprised of three members elected for a 3-year term. The Board meets once a month and as needed. The Board oversees the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Collection System, and its employees. They develop the annual budget with the chief operator's assistance. The Board sets the sewer rate yearly. They develop and oversee repairs and expansion of the Collection System and Treatment Plant.

TAX COLLECTOR

is elected for a 3-year term. Collector receives a list and warrant from the Assessors, to collect taxes, together with any interest due; reports to the Treasurer all taxes, including charges, fees and interest received and deposited in any bank and turns funds over to the Treasurer for deposit. The Collector maintains collection accounts on real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax bills. Delinquent bills are subsequently billed by means of demand notices and a series of delinquency letters. Unpaid tax bills may be advertised and the property eventually foreclosed by the Town for nonpayment. Unpaid motor vehicle excise tax bills are reported to the Registry for non-renewal of license or registration.

TOWN CLERK

is elected for a 3-year term. The Clerk serves as Chief Election Officer and Local Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics, including Birth, Marriage and Death certificates; records and certifies all official actions of the Town and manages public access to information. S/he issues marriage, dog and fishing licenses; serves ex-officio as a member of the Board of Registrars and is responsible for carrying out the functions of the Board in preparation, publication and circulation of lists of voters; prepares the annual Street List and Town Census; submits all by-laws passed by Town Meeting to the MA State Attorney General for approval.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is elected for a 3-year term. The Treasurer receives all money from municipal departments, including the Tax Collector; deposits funds; borrows for cash flow purposes and for approved capital projects; expends and accounts for funds after proper approval of the Town Accountant and Board of Selectmen; pays employees and withholds and maintains records on taxes; maintains and reconciles all of the Town's bank accounts and investments; performs monthly cash reconciliation with the Accountant, as well as quarterly cash reconciliation.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five Regular members for a 5-year term and 3 Associate members for a 3-year term appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets the 2nd Monday for Business Meetings and, as posted, for Public Hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications; petitions for variances from the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws and Appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector, or from the failure of the Building Inspector to act in response to a complaint from a citizen. The Board has power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Court.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

As of March 1, 2006

Board of Assessors		
Ron Wickey	Chair	2006
Eugene L'Etoile		2007
Doris Balk		2008
Board of Health		
Phillip Baker		2006
David Balk		2006
Thomas Walker		2007
David Gibson		2008
Rory Shippa		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY
Board of Library Trustees		
Nolan Kitfield		2006
Jennifer Tufts		2006
Margot Fleck		2007
Janet Wood		2007
Jon McGowan		2008
John Cevasco		2008
Board of Selectmen		
John Spanbauer	Chair	2006
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile		2007
Chadwick Glover		2008
Board of Trustees of Veterans Memorials		
Daniel Ryan	Chair	2007
Eleanor Dean		2007
Denis Brennan		2008
John Williams		2008
Mark Remillard		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY
Constables		
David Brassor		2007
Fredd Fuller		2007
James O'Shea		2007
John Ware		2007
Moderator		
Thomas Shearer		2006
Planning Board		
Thomas Geser	Chair	2008
Matthew Bazzani		2010
Alan Rogers		2009
Karin Browning		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY
Jerry Wagener		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY
PVRS Northfield		
William Wahlstrom	Chair	2006
Patricia Shearer		2008
Jed Proujansky		2008
Recreation Committee		
Andrew Harrison	Chair	2006
David Adams		2007
Stephen Bachinski		2007
Gail Streeter		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY
Linda Smiaroski		APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY

Sewer Commission		
Raymond Zukowski		2006
Dan Gray		2007
Sue Kaczinski	Chair	2008
Tax Collector		
Barbara Brassor		2008
Town Clerk		
Gail Zukowski		2006
Treasurer		
Barbara Brassor		2006

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee		
Lois Stearns	Chair	2006
Reynold Henry		2006
William Roberts		2007
Penny Betsold		2007
Alana Gadreault		2008
Jane Abbott		2008
Franklin County Technical School District		
Gail Zukowski		2006
Non Partisan Caucus		
Susan Lloyd		2006
Lisa Walker		2006
John Foster		2006

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Agricultural Commission				
William	Ames	Chair	6-30	2006
William	Roberts		6-30	2006
Fred	Balk		6-30	2007
David	Brown		6-30	2007
Eugene	L'Etoile		6-30	2008
William	Llewelyn		6-30	2008
Stephen	Smiaroski		6-30	2008
Nathan	L'Etoile	First Alternate	6-30	2006
Don	Campbell	Second Alternate	6-30	2006
Building Utilization and Planning Committee				
Don	Campbell		12-31	2006
Ellen	Hunter		12-31	2006
Chadwick	Glover		12-31	2007
Reynold	Henry		12-31	2007

Conservation Commission				
Nathan	L'Etoile		6-30	2006
David	Quinn		6-30	2006
Joan	Deely		6-30	2007
William	Gabriel		6-30	2007
Charles	Blanker		6-30	2008
William	Llewelyn	Chair	6-30	2008
William	Walker		6-30	2008
Council on Aging				
Norma	Stearns		12-31	2006
Irene	Jurkowski		12-31	2007
Keith	Olson		12-31	2007
Shirley	Nelson		12-31	2008
Mary Jane	Porter	Chair	12-31	2008
Zoanne	Zeininger		12-31	2008
Eleanor	Goodman		12-31	2009
Cultural Council				
John	Foster		6-30	2007
Barbara	Lemoine		6-30	2007
Chuck	Levin		6-30	2007
Jeanne	Sisson	Chair	6-30	2007
Shirley	Stookey		6-30	2007
Thomas	White		6-30	2007
Catherine	Woolner		6-30	2007
Tammy	Pelletier		6-30	2008
Linda	Smiaroski		6-30	2008
Maureen	Spaulding		6-30	2008
Election Officers				
Jane	Abbott		8-15	2006
Edwin	Finch		8-15	2006
Alice	Fortier		8-15	2006
Betty	Gibson		8-15	2006
Helen	Gorzocoski		8-15	2006
Ruth	Johnson		8-15	2006
Linda	Leavis		8-15	2006
Christine	McColleston		8-15	2006
Helen	Monroe		8-15	2006
Teresa	Nelson		8-15	2006
Teresa	Penniman		8-15	2006
Shirley	Ryan		8-15	2006
Robin	Severance		8-15	2006
Deborah	Taricano		8-15	2006
Lisa	Walker		8-15	2006
Electronic Communications and Cable Television Advisory Committee				
Brian	Brault	Chair	12-31	2006
Eric	Dehays		12-31	2006
Chadwick	Glover		12-31	2006
Deborah	Kern		12-31	2006
Michele	Turner		12-31	2006

Emergency Services Facility Committee				
Floyd	Dunnell		12-31	2009
Chadwick	Glover		12-31	2009
Reynold	Henry		12-31	2009
Donald	Holden		12-31	2009
Bonnie	L'Etoile		12-31	2009
James	Penniman		12-31	2009
Gary	Sibilia		12-31	2009
John	Spanbauer		12-31	2009
Jon	Van'tLand		12-31	2009
Raymond	Zukowski		12-31	2009
Energy Committee				
Don	Campbell	Chair	12-31	2006
John	Cevasco		12-31	2006
Walton	Congdon		12-31	2006
Robert	Pasteris		12-31	2006
Peter	Talmage		12-31	2006
Historical Commission				
Mary Jane	Porter		12-31	2006
Ted	Powell		12-31	2006
Carolyn	Spencer		12-31	2006
Marie	Ferre	Chair	12-31	2007
Joel	Fowler		12-31	2007
Homer	Stavely		12-31	2008
Jessie	Wiggin		12-31	2008
Main Street Revitalization Committee				
David	Alexander		12-31	2006
Laura	DiBari		12-31	2006
Kim	Farmer		12-31	2006
Chadwick	Glover		12-31	2006
Jean	Kozlowski		12-31	2006
Bonnie	L'Etoile		12-31	2006
Steve	Malsch		12-31	2006
Dianne	Salls		12-31	2006
John	Spanbauer	Chair	12-31	2006
Carolyn	Spencer		12-31	2006
Heather	Tower		12-31	2006
Rick	Wood		12-31	2006
Northfield Board of Registrars				
Michael	Noble		8-15	2006
Susan	Lloyd		8-15	2007
Maureen	Spaulding		8-15	2008

NMH Transition Committee				
Laura	DiBari		12-31	2006
Edwin	Finch		12-31	2006
Nick	Fleck		12-31	2006
Randy	Foster		12-31	2006
Chadwick	Glover		12-31	2006
Alfred	Havens		12-31	2006
Sarah	Hoffman		12-31	2006
Irene	Jurkowski		12-31	2006
Marguerite	Lentz		12-31	2006
Bonnie	L'Etoile		12-31	2006
Mary Jane	Porter		12-31	2006
Ted	Powell		12-31	2006
David	Radebaugh		12-31	2006
Susan	Ross		12-31	2006
John	Spanbauer	Chair	12-31	2006
Alexander	Stewart		12-31	2006
Nathan	Tufts		12-31	2006
Open Space Committee				
Joanne	McGee		6-30	2007
Samuel	Richardson		6-30	2007
Nick	Fleck	Chair	6-30	2008
Thomas	Shearer		6-30	2008
Joan	Deely		6-30	2009
Ruth	Gallagher		6-30	2009
Linda	Smiaroski		6-30	2009
Jen	Tufts		6-30	2009
Jerry	Wagener		6-30	2009
School Use Committee				
Reynold	Henry		6-30	2006
William	Roberts		6-30	2007
Brian	Brault		6-30	2008
Ruth	Gallagher		6-30	2006
Trust Fund Committee				
Alfred	Havens	Chair	6-30	2006
Mary Jane	Porter		6-30	2007
Marguerite	Lentz		6-30	2008
Trustee, Fred W. Wells Will				
Theodore	Penick		4-30	2006
Veteran Graves Officer				
Roger	Bassett		6-30	2006
Zoning Board of Appeals				
Edward	Shearer	Chair	12-31	2006
William	Forrest		12-31	2007
Marguerite	Lentz		12-31	2008
Mary	King		12-31	2009
Samuel	Richardson		12-31	2010
Robert	Barnes	Alternate Member	12-31	2006
Raymond	Clark	Alternate Member	12-31	2008

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Special Town Meeting May 2, 2005

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:04 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Moderator Thomas Shearer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The "Rules of Debate" were read by Moderator Thomas Shearer, vote taken to adopt rules and passed by unanimous voice vote. One hundred and sixty seven registered voters were present and voted on the following articles:

Article 1. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2000 as follows (please note that text to be inserted is in *italics*):

"VOTED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to clarify *and/or revise* the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law,"

Note: remaining "Clarify Bylaws" account balance is \$1,066.41

Article 3. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend the vote passed by majority voice vote on Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003 as follows (please note that the text to be inserted is in *italics* and the text to be deleted is underlined):

"Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of *design*, construction, and any other related work for the construction, of an elevator and accessible components to the Dickinson Memorial Library, contingent upon sufficient funding from grant sources and from Library trust funds for completion of the project."

Article 4. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen's "Chapter 32 B Health Insurance" account \$5,000.00 to supplement Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003, as amended by Article 3 of this Special Town Meeting.

Article 5. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the Fire Department's "Personal Alert Devices" account \$3,000.00 to replace the original radial tires on the 1988 Pierce pumper fire truck.

Article 6. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the EMT "Wages and Salary" account \$1,200.00 and from the EMT "Expense" account \$1,200.00 to purchase pagers and their required maintenance for Northfield Rescue.

Article 7. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

(9/10th vote required)

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the EMT "Expense" account \$100.00 to pay a Northfield Rescue bill of a prior year.

Article 8. Passed/Unanimous Voice Vote

(9/10th vote required)

Move that the Town vote to transfer from the Fire Department's "Personal Alert Devices" account \$300.00 to pay a Sewer Department bill of a prior year.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:17 p.m.

A True Copy Attest: Gail V. Zukowski, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2005

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:18 p.m., at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. The "Rules of Debate" were read by Moderator Thomas Shearer, vote taken to adopt rules and passed by unanimous voice vote. One hundred and sixty seven registered voters were present to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,
WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2004 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,
BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2004 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Board of Health
Board of Selectmen
Bd. of Trustees Veterans Memorial Monuments
Building Maintenance Technician
Building Maintenance Technician Temporary
Building Utilization & Planning Committee
Cable TV Advisory Committee
Conservation Committee
Council on Aging
Cultural Council
Custodian
Election Workers

Electronic Communication & Cable TV Advisory
Finance Committee
Fire Department

Highway Department
Historical Commission
Inspector of Animals
Main Street Revitalization Committee
NMH Transition Committee
Non Partisan Caucus Committee

Pamela Veith
Alana L. Gadreault
Thadd Bistrek
Robert Beck
Thomas Amarosa
Phyllis Derigon
Judith Radebaugh, Eileen Dowd
Maryann Wozniak
Maryann Wozniak
Dot Parsons
Edmund Bassett
Marcella Racine, Stephanie Keep
Jeanne Sisson
Jacob L'Etoile
David Yucavitch
Carey Barton, Andy Boyden, David Fortier
Russell Hudson, John Lawrence
Bob Odenbaugh
Tom Bergeron, Brandon Gibbons
Jean Kozlowski
Daniel and Karen Arsenault
Lisa White
Chuck Levin
Susan Lloyd, Everett Wickline

Northfield Rescue
Planning Board
Police Department
School Use Committee
Sewer Commissioner
Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator
Part-Time
Zoning Board of Appeals

Raymond Zukowski, Jr.
Tom Bergeron, Casey Bergeron
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile, Don Simms
Nate Coffin, Sean Coughlin
Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile
Everett Wickline, Gary Sibilia
Cliff Bassett

Dianne Salls

Article 3. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **accept** from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., **a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town** or any of its departments, etc.

Article 4. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants**, and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application.

Article 5. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **accept** and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Highway Department) for **Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction** of public ways and associated equipment; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 6. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to approve that, **upon exceeding the levy limit**, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 7, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Town Meeting, **may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 1/2."**

Article 7. * Passed as Amended/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, Section 108, or any amendments thereto, to **fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2006**, and **raise and appropriate any sum or sums** therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money **for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town**, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in Money Column 3 of the Warrant.

***Amendment to Article 7:** Submitted by the Selectboard:

Move that the Town vote to amend the motion and vote to **raise and appropriate \$7,516.00 to supplement the Council on Aging account**: which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 1/2, so -- called.

	APPROPRIATION FY2005	REQUESTED FY2006	FINANCE COMM RECOMMENDS
MODERATOR SALARY	1.00	1.00	1.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	80.00	80.00	80.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	4884.00	5016.00	5016.00
	2005	2006req	2006rec
chairman	1692.00	1738.00	1738.00
others	1596.00	1639.00	1639.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	10931.00	9852.00	9852.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	43635.00	45821.00	45821.00
ADMIN ASST EXPENSE	820.00	820.00	820.00
SECRETARY SALARY	28215.00	29122.00	29122.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1300.00	1300.00	1300.00
RESERVE FUND	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	19925.00	20923.00	20923.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00	335.00	335.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	4484.00	4604.00	4604.00
	2005	2006req	2006rec
chairman	1572.00	1614.00	1614.00
others	1456.00	1495.00	1495.00
ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	27709.00	29097.00	29097.00
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	5288.00	5431.00	5431.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	10870.00	14730.00	13870.00
TREASURER SALARY	9115.00	9572.00	9572.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	9115.00	9572.00	9572.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	5000.00	4500.00	4500.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	15000.00	15000.00	12000.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	7415.00	8480.00	8480.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2300.00	2300.00	2300.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	2300.00	1875.00	1875.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	20717.00	21755.00	21755.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3270.00	3370.00	3370.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	5175.00	5175.00	5175.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	1720.00	1980.00	1980.00
PLANNING BOARD	1016.00	1380.00	1380.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	2869.00	2973.00	2973.00
LAND			
DAMAGES	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	10915.00	11210.00	11210.00
CUSTODIAN EXPENSE	100.00	100.00	100.00
BLDG MAINT PERSON	31465.00	32787.00	32375.00
BLDG MNT PER EXPENSE	1700.00	2300.00	1700.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	23800.00	27625.00	25625.00
TOWN			
REPORTS	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL	327620.00	345237.00	335365.00

POLICE WAGES &
SALARIES

				170288.00	178043.00	178043.00
	2005	2006req	2006rec			
chief	50502.00	53033.00	53033.00			
sargeant	40761.00	42803.00	42803.00			
third ofcr	31378.00	32799.00	32799.00			
P.T. wages	27107.00	27839.00	27839.00			
holiday	3369.00	3538.00	3538.00			
O.T. wages	8044.00	8447.00	8447.00			
Quinn Bill	9127.00	9584.00	9584.00			
POLICE OPER EXPENSE				22150.00	22250.00	22250.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES				4283.00	4397.00	4397.00
	2005	2006req	2006rec			
chief	2263.00	2324.00	2324.00			
frst fire warden	454.00	466.00	466.00			
pub safety ofcr	227.00	233.00	233.00			
fire dept secy	301.00	309.00	309.00			
asst. chief	461.00	473.00	473.00			
captain	231.00	237.00	237.00			
lieutenants	346.00	355.00	355.00			
FIRE DEPT WAGES				31273.00	35538.00	35538.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP				11850.00	13300.00	12850.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT				8000.00	8000.00	8000.00
INSPECTION FEES				2000.00	3000.00	3000.00
HYDRANTS				5460.00	5460.00	5460.00
MAINT FIRE STATION				9500.00	10500.00	10300.00
FIREPONDSWATERHOLES				3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
EMT WAGES & SALARIES				12248.00	13918.00	13918.00
EMT EXPENSE				6540.00	6540.00	6540.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY				20537.00	21091.00	21091.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE				2590.00	2940.00	2590.00
GAS INSPECTION				1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
WIRE INSPECTION				10000.00	5000.00	5000.00
CIVIL DEFENSE				900.00	900.00	900.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY				2639.00	2710.00	2710.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE				1450.00	1450.00	1450.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE				8500.00	8500.00	8500.00
CONSTABLES WAGES				743.00	763.00	763.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE				30.00	30.00	30.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC				1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL				335482.00	348831.00	347831.00
PVRS-OPER ASSMNT				2841126.00	2974864.02	2974864.02
PVRS-BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT				318052.05	322974.62	322974.62
PVRS-TCHRS SALARY DEFERRAL				4536.47	4536.47	4536.47
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-OPER ASSMNT				202679.00	229115.00	229115.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL-CAPTL ASSMNT				0.00	5310.87	5310.87
TOTAL				3366393.52	3536800.98	3536800.98

HWY SUPT EXPENSE	6480.00	4600.00	4600.00
HIGHWAY & SNOW REMOVAL WAGES	189370.00	197359.00	197359.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	125000.00	125000.00	125000.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00	60000.00	60000.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	51800.00	51800.00	51800.00
STREET LIGHTS	13000.00	13000.00	13000.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	74000.00	74000.00	74000.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00	1.00	1.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	5566.00	6432.00	6432.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	136204.00	132296.00	132296.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	1234.00	1267.00	1267.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00	67.00	67.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	607.00	623.00	623.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	57187.00	59052.00	59052.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67071.00	71121.00	69071.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXPENSE	4200.00	4200.00	1200.00

TOTAL	<u>798987.00</u>	<u>808018.00</u>	<u>802968.00</u>
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BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2054.00	2109.00	2109.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	5607.00	5797.00	5797.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	8626.00	8842.00	8842.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	2750.00	2750.00	2750.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1750.00	1750.00	1750.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	14104.00	22240.00	14724.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00

TOTAL	<u>42391.00</u>	<u>50988.00</u>	<u>43472.00</u>
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DICKINSON LIBRARY			
WAGES	77641.00	80533.00	80533.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	30200.00	32275.00	31775.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	500.00	525.00	525.00
RECREATION COMM	6690.00	6550.00	6550.00
REC COMM TRAINING & RECOGNITION	250.00	250.00	250.00
REC PROGRM DIRECTR	3296.00	3385.00	3385.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	2000.00	2500.00	2000.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	375.00	375.00	375.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1500.00	1600.00	1600.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00	340.00	340.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	27549.00	24284.00	24284.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	4429.00	4517.00	4517.00

TOTAL	<u>154770.00</u>	<u>157134.00</u>	<u>156134.00</u>
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MATURING DEBT- PRIN			220861.00	222481.67	222481.67
	2005	2006			
sewer(bnds					
1/92)	20000.00	20000.00			
sch (bnds 1/92)	170000.00	170000.00			
sewer(bnds					
7/93)	30861.00	32481.67			
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT			85020.00	72094.33	72094.33
	2005	2006			
sewer(bnds					
1/92)	6780.00	5590.00			
sch (bnds 1/92)	57630.00	47515.00			
sewer(bnds					
7/93)	20610.00	18989.33			
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT			3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TOTAL			308881.00	297576.00	297576.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT			119248.00	123913.00	123913.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE			8000.00	11712.00	11712.00
UNEMPLOYMENT			4000.00	2500.00	2500.00
HEALTH INSURANCE			145976.00	144138.00	144138.00
LIFE					
INSURANCE			1600.00	2625.00	2625.00
MEDICARE/FICA			18000.00	15000.00	15000.00
OTHER INSURANCE			63000.00	67000.00	67000.00
TOTAL			359824.00	366888.00	366888.00
GRAND TOTAL			5694348.52	5911472.98	5887034.98
* GRAND	TOTAL	AS	AMENDED		5,894,550.98

Article 8. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **transfer** from the Highway Department's "**Sale of Cemetery Lots**" account to the Highway Department's "**Cemetery Wages and Expense**" account \$9,800.00 to care for and maintain the town of Northfield's cemeteries.

Article 9. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$23,000.00** to supplement Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 1999 and Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of June 25, 1997 **to repair the Town Hall roof**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Note: Current "Town Hall Roof" account balance is \$9,925.29

Article 10. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$11,600.00** to carryout projects at the **Northfield Elementary School**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Please note that anticipated projects include:

- *Replace two exterior kitchen doors*
- *Upgrade the electrical service to the nursing and to the administrative areas*
- *Replace the carpeting in two classrooms*
- *Resurface the roof on the north building*
- *Repair the front exterior doors on the south building*

Article 11. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$5,000.00** to supplement Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003 to carryout ongoing renovation projects in the **Town Hall**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Article 12. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$5,500.00** to replace windows at the **Town Hall**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Article 13. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$20,000.00** to replace the furnace at the **Dickinson Memorial Library**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Article 14. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$750.00** to upgrade the electrical system at the **Dickinson Memorial Library**; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 ½, so-called.

Article 15. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote in accordance with Chapter 140, Section 172 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to **transfer from the "Dog Fund" account \$3,500.00** to supplement the **Dickinson Memorial Library** operating budget for the purpose of paying a portion of the annual fee to be a member of the regional library system.

Article 16. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **raise and appropriate \$130.00** to supplement the **Dickinson Memorial Library** operating budget to purchase materials for the Library.

Article 17. Moved "Take No Action On Article 17" Passed/ Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund/Account.

Article 18. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer \$240,000.00 from Free Cash, \$28,020.00 from One-Time Municipal Relief and \$20,320.00 from Surplus Overlay Reserve for a total of \$288,340.00 for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2006.

Article 19. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town authorize the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee to transfer from the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee Capital Reserve Account the sum of \$150,000 for the renewal and replacement of technology hardware and infrastructure components.

Article 20. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year agreement with the towns of Gill, Deerfield, Leverett, Pelham and Erving for the purpose of sharing mowing equipment leased by Northeast Utilities/Western Massachusetts Electric Company for use by each town for mowing the sides of the roads, contingent upon the towns of Sunderland and Whatley terminating participation in a similar agreement signed in 2001 between the towns of Erving, Gill, Deerfield, Sunderland, Leverett, Whatley and Pelham.

Article 21. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to approve the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Material Recycling Facility for ten years.

Article 22. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission, as detailed below, to represent the Northfield commercial farming community.

The purpose of the commission will be to support commercial agriculture in the town of Northfield with activities that include, but are not limited to the following: shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuits of agriculture in Northfield; shall promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in town; shall act as mediators, advocates, educators, and/or negotiators on farming issues; shall work for preservation of prime agricultural lands; shall advise the Board of Selectman, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Board of Assessors, and the Open Space and Recreation Committee on issues involving agriculture; and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community.

The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will consist of: a minimum of three members who are actively involved in commercial agriculture, a minimum of three members with a commercial agricultural background; and one member from the town's Open Space and Recreation Committee while it is active, or in its absence, any other town board the Select Board wishes to be represented. All members of the commission must either be residents of the town, or owners and farmers of agricultural property within the town. "Commercial agriculture" shall mean either; 1- derive their principal income from agriculture, or 2- annually receive at least \$500.00 of verifiable income from agriculture.

There may be up to 3 alternates appointed to the Board by the Selectman. They will be ranked in order 1-3 and will fill any vacancies at a meeting of the Commission in that order.

In making its appointments, the Select Board is asked to specifically consider the intent of the Commission to represent the commercial agricultural interests in town.

The terms will be as follows: Three members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and two members for a one year term, and three years thereafter.

The appointing authority shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, based on recommendations of the Commission.

Article 23. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following General Bylaw.

Northfield Right to Farm Bylaw

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this Bylaw is to explain the existing Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Northfield restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General Bylaw encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Northfield by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This Bylaw shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Existing Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;

- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Northfield. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this Bylaw are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm Bylaw shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after this Bylaw becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations."

In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification as a part of a brochure to be developed by the Agricultural Commission shall be provided by the Town to residents each fiscal year by mail.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance involving all concerned parties, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance involving all concerned parties, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Bylaw. The Town of Northfield hereby declares the provisions of this Bylaw to be severable.

Article 24. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to approve the following General Bylaw.

False Alarm Bylaw

When the Chief of Police determines that the Police Department has responded to a false alarm, he shall impose a charge on the responsible alarm users according to the following schedule.

- A. For the fourth, and subsequent such alarms, \$50.00 per false alarm within the twelve (12)-month period, payable to the Town of Northfield. The twelve (12)-month period shall begin January 1st and extend for 12 months thereafter.
- B. The charge shall be payable within twenty (20) days from the date of notice. This will operate as a final disposition of the matter with no resulting criminal record.
- C. Violation of this Bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition of the violation as provided in the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40, Section 21D. Penalty: \$50.00. Enforcing Persons: Police Officers.

Article 25. Passed/Majority Voice Vote

(2/3rd vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw for the Town of Northfield as follows (please note that text to be inserted is in *italics*).

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All access drives to dwellings shall intersect as nearly as possible at right angles to the public way. In no case shall the intersect angle be less than 60°. In addition, all access drives greater than 200 feet in length, shall conform to the following standards:

Loam or other yielding natural material shall be removed to non-yielding substrata. Existing material or backfill of stable material shall be used to bring subgrade to the grade of the surrounding area and shall be thoroughly compacted.

Washed gravel or crushed stone shall be placed on the subgrade at not less than six inches in depth and thoroughly compacted. Subgrade and finished traveled surface shall be not less than twelve (12) feet wide.

The grade of the drive shall not exceed nine (9%) percent *for the first forty (40) feet off of road. From that point on the grade of the driveway shall not exceed twelve (12%) percent at any point.* All driveway curves shall have a centerline radius of not less than fifty (50) feet. A cul-de-sac, "T", or "L" turn around sufficient for fire apparatus shall be provided not more than 100 feet from the dwelling served by the drive.

All trees and rocks standing more than six (6) inches above grade shall be removed to a distance of four (4) feet from the traveled driveway surface. All branches over the drive shall be removed to a height of twelve (12) feet.

All permitted driveways shall be maintained at the above standards.

Article 26. Moved "Take No Action On Article 26" Passed/Majority Voice Vote

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw for the Town of Northfield as follows (please note that text to be inserted is in *italics* and text to be deleted is underlined).

3.02

Definitions

Junkyard/Dump - Any area, lot, land, parcel, building or structure or part thereof used for the storage, collection, processing, purchase, sale or abandonment of wastepaper, rags, scrap metal, or other scrap of discarded goods, materials, machinery or two *four* or more unregistered, inoperable motor vehicles or other type of junk.

Article 27. Move "Take No Action On Article 27" Passed/Majority Voice Vote (2/3rd vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw for the Town of Northfield as follows (please note that text to be inserted is in *italics* and text to be deleted is underlined).

11.02

Unregistered Motor Vehicles

The keeping of more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or disassembled, except by a person licensed under General Laws, Chap 140, Section 59, on any premises shall not be permitted unless said *additional* motor vehicles is *are* stored within an enclosed building or stored so as to be *completely* out of sight during all seasons of the year of both *all* abutters and street.

A special permit to keep more than one unregistered motor vehicle on any premises not within an enclosed building, may be granted by the Board of Appeals, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this By-Law; (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and (3) will not be a nuisance.

All such special permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered motor vehicles to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land, and shall be limited to a reasonable length of time.
Said additional vehicles shall be limited to 2 and properly drained of all hazardous materials. Hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze, gas, oil, gear oil, battery acid, etc.

This Article shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and/or used for farming purposes.

Violation of this Bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition of the violation as provided in the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40, Section 21D. Penalty: \$50.00. Enforcing Persons: Police Officers and Building Inspector.

Article 28. Passed/Paper Ballot
Submitted by Petition

Yes/106 No/44

I move to **rescind and invalidate any agreement between the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and the Northfield Board of Health and/or the Northfield Board of Selectmen** regarding the "pay per throw" program and further require that approval for any change to the fees residents must pay for the trash program be put before a Town Meeting for a vote program be put before a Town Meeting for a vote.

MOVED: Passed/ Majority Voice Vote

Stop debate

MOVE: Passed/Show of Hands

That we vote for Article 28 by paper ballot.

***** See final page of Town Meeting Report for Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Attorneys at Law, legal opinion on Article 28 *****

Article 29. Defeated/ Majority Voice Vote
Submitted by Petition

We the undersigned citizens of Northfield, Massachusetts acting on our own initiative and to promote the common good of all citizens of Northfield and seeking to protect the rights and well being of all residents and citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by operation of law, and executed by the below affirmed signatures of ten or more citizens of Northfield, now place the Article entitled, **Resolution Of The Town Of Northfield Concerning The Massachusetts National Guard And The War In Iraq**, which Article is attached hereto, upon the Warrant of the Town Meeting of Northfield, Massachusetts to be holden at Pioneer Valley Regional School on May 2, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be brought.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF Northfield CONCERNING THE MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD AND THE WAR IN IRAQ

WHEREAS, the Town and its citizens strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making. The Town and its citizens stand ready to help these fellow citizens in any way they can.

WHEREAS, in October 2002 the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to Authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces Against Iraq, relying on statements that were untrue, when in fact:

- 1 The United States was not threatened with attack by Iraq,
- 2 Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction,
- 3 Saddam Hussein had no role in the 9/11 attacks.

WHEREAS, in going to war, the President did not meet the conditions imposed by Congress, failing to show Congress why he:

- 1 decided that diplomatic or peaceful means alone would not protect national security of the United States or lead to enforcement of Security Council resolutions on Iraq,
- 2 decided that going to war was a necessary action against Iraq on the theory – never proven - that Iraq authorized, committed, or aided in the 9/11 attacks.

WHEREAS, the war has resulted in serious, adverse, and potentially long-lasting consequences for the United States and for the chances for a just and durable peace in Iraq and the Mideast;

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution provides that congress shall have the power to: "provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and repel Invasions," and the Massachusetts Constitution provides for the General Assembly to direct the training and arming of members of the Massachusetts National Guard for defense of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, at least since 1986 the President and the Congress have had nearly total control over state militias, including the Massachusetts National Guard;

WHEREAS, the costs of the call-up of Massachusetts National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Massachusetts communities;

WHEREAS, these are costs which would be suffered willingly were there a threat to our nation, but which are not tolerable where there is none;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts citizens have joined the Guard thinking that they would be serving their neighbors by helping with Massachusetts-based emergencies, unless there was a danger to America requiring transfer to active duty;

WHEREAS, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Massachusetts citizens in the Guard and the Commonwealth and nation they agreed to serve; and

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that the federalization and deployment of Massachusetts National Guard members has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY;

RESOLVED, that the Town directs the members of the Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation to initiate legislation in Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states and to expressly limit the nearly complete federal control over the State National Guard units to cases where:

- 1 there is reasonable evidence that war powers are requested in order to protect against a threat to the territory of the United States,
- 2 there is an insurrection or a plausible threat of insurrection; or
- 3 there is a declaration of war under the United States Constitution;

RESOLVED, that the Town directs the members of the Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation to forthwith initiate legislation in Congress to effect the immediate return of all Massachusetts National Guard units and personnel now serving in Iraq.

RESOLVED, that the Town directs the Governor of Massachusetts to forthwith order the immediate return of all Massachusetts National Guard units and personnel now serving in Iraq.

RESOLVED, that the Town directs the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, exercising its powers under Chapter 1, Section 1, Article III, and also Article XVII, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to:

1 investigate and discuss whether members of the Massachusetts National Guard have been called to active service and assigned to duties relating to the war in Iraq in conformity with the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, including the 2002 Congressional Resolution on Iraq; and

2 create a commission or other body to collect statutory, historical, and statistical information about the role of the National Guard in serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

3 to study the impact of the federalization and deployment of its members on the ability of the Guard to perform its mission in Massachusetts;

RESOLVED, that it is the will of the town that the President and the Congress take steps to withdraw American troops from Iraq, consistent with the mandate of international humanitarian law; and withdraw American troops from Iraq, consistent with the mandate of international humanitarian law; and

RESOLVED, that the Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to:

- 1 each member of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation,
- 2 the Massachusetts Governor,
- 3 the Speaker of the Massachusetts House,
- 4 the President Pro Tempore of the Massachusetts Senate,
- 5 the Adjutant General of Massachusetts.

There being no further business to come before the Town, the Annual Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 9:38 p.m.

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Annual Town Election May 3, 2005

At the time and place set by the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Two hundred and five votes were cast with the following results;

Board of Selectmen

Three year term	
Vote for One	
Chadwick T. Glover	153
Maureen Spaulding	27
Write – In Votes	4
Blanks	20

Board of Assessors

Three year term	
Vote for One	
Doris S. Balk	186
Write – In Votes	1
Blanks	17

Board of Health

Three year term

Vote for One

David R. Gibson

179

Write – In Votes

4

Blanks

21

Board of Library Trustees

Three year term

Vote for Not more than Two

John P. Cvasco

173

Jon G. McGowan

177

Write – In Votes

2

Blanks

56

Planning Board

Five year term

Vote for One

Matthew R. Bazzani

169

Write – In Votes

4

Blanks

31

Planning Board

Four year term

Vote for One

(To fill Vacancy)

Alan W. Rogers

174

Write – In Votes

4

Blanks

26

Planning Board

Two year term

Vote for One

(To fill Vacancy)

Kristen K. Norwood

173

Write – In

3

Blanks

28

Recreation Commission

Three year term

Vote for One

**

Write – In Votes

17

Blanks

187

Board of Sewer Commissioners

Three year term

Vote for One

Malcom Brennan

60

Sue M. Kaczinski

127

Write – In Votes

1

Blanks

17

Board of Sewer Commissioners

One year term
Vote for One
(To fill Vacancy)
Raymond J. Zukowski Jr. 182
Write – In Votes 2
Blanks 20

Tax Collector

Three year term
Vote for One
Barbara J. Brassor 192
Write – In Votes 0
Blanks 12

Trustee of Soldier's Memorials

Veteran
Three year term
Vote for One
Denis Brennan 183
Write – In Votes 1
Blanks 20

Trustee of Soldier's Memorials

Non- Veteran
Three year term
Vote for One
John M. Williams 181
Write – In Votes 0
Blanks 23

** Failure to Elect – resulting in a vacancy for that position

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Registered Voter – 2116

Votes Cast – 205

Voter Turnout – 10 %

Election Workers

Jane Abbott	Election Worker
Edwin Finch	Election Clerk
Alice Fortier	Election Worker
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Helen Gorzocoski	Election Worker
Ruth Johnson	Election Worker
Linda Leavis	Election Worker
Christine McColester	Election Worker
Helen Monroe	Election Worker
Deborah Taricano	Election Worker
Robin Severance	Warden
Lisa Walker	Election Worker

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Special Municipal Election July 26, 2005

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m.
Two hundred ninety seven votes were cast with the following results;

Question 1

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$7,516.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of supplementing the Council on Aging account to provide for an expansion of the number of hours worked by the Council on Aging Director for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	152
NO	140
BLANK	5

Question 2

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$23,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 1999 and Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of June 25, 1997 for the purpose of repairing the Town Hall roof for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	200
NO	93
BLANK	4

Question 3

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$11,600.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of carrying out repair projects at the Northfield Elementary School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	187
NO	110
BLANK	0

Question 4

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$5,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2003 for the purpose of carrying out ongoing renovation projects at the Town Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	164
NO	127
BLANK	6

Question 5

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$5,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of replacing windows at the Town Hall for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	169
NO	123
BLANK	5

Question 6

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$20,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of replacing the furnace at the Dickinson Memorial Library for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	210
NO	86
BLANK	1

Question 7

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to assess an additional \$750.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of upgrading the electrical system at the Dickinson Memorial Library for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

YES	210
NO	85
BLANK	2

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Registered Voters --- 2134

Votes Cast --- 297

Voter Turnout --- 14%

Election Workers

Jane Abbott	Election Worker
Edwin Finch	Clerk
Alice Fortier	Election Worker
Betty Gibson	Election Worker
Helen Gorzocoski	Inspector
Ruth Johnson	Election Worker
Linda Leavis	Election Worker
Christine McCollester	Election Worker
Teresa Nelson	Election Worker
Robin Severance	Warden
Deborah Taricano	Election Worker

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Special Municipal Election November 30, 2005

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 7:12 p.m., at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Moderator Thomas Shearer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The "Rules of Debate" were read. A voice vote was taken to allow "Non Residents" to speak on behalf of Article 7 on the warrant. The voice vote was passed by a majority allowing Mary Williamson and Dan LaRoche to address Northfield residents at the Special Town Meeting. One hundred and eighty nine registered voters were present and voted on the following articles:

Article 1. Passed/ Voice Vote

"Move that the Town vote to **waive the reading of the Warrant** and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles."

Motion from the floor (David P. Radebaugh): Defeated/ Show of Hands

"Move that Articles 12 & 13 be moved, discussed and voted on before the other Articles in the Warrant."

Article 2. Passed/ Show of Hands

2/3 Vote Required

Move that the Town vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$189,356.00 and to transfer \$19,000.00 from Free Cash for the purposes of providing architectural construction oversight and construction of the Dickinson Memorial Library Architectural Barrier Removal Project, which sums shall be contingent on the Town being awarded at least \$530,000.00 in grant funding and contingent on approval by the voters of a Debt Exclusion pursuant to G.L. c. 59, s. 21C(j), Proposition 2 ½.

Note: Architectural barrier removal is the primary goal of this project. In eliminating these barriers, the Town must install a code compliant second means of egress, a fire alarm system for the building and other related work. The cost of these improvements is estimated at \$189,356.

The Town, as part of its application to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), will contribute an additional \$19,000 toward the removal of architectural barriers in the Library.

Estimated Total Project Cost \$ 739,100

Estimated Anticipated Grant Award \$ 530,744

Estimated Amount Requested \$ 208,356

Article 3. Passed / Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$800.00 from Free Cash to execute suggestions made by the Northfield Energy Committee to **install energy saving measures throughout the Dickinson Memorial Library.**

Article 4. Passed / Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57C** for the purpose of establishing a **semi-annual preliminary tax payment system.**

Article 5. Passed / Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **approve the Open Space and Recreation Plan** completed in June 2005.

Article 6. Passed / Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to **establish an Open Space Committee** to oversee the implementation of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Committee to consist of up to **nine members** to include one member appointed by the Conservation Commission for a three year term and one member appointed by the Planning Board for a three year term and up to seven additional members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three to serve for three years, two to serve for two years, two to serve for one year, with all successive **appointees to serve three year terms.**

Article 7. Passed/ Hand Count

2/3rd Vote Required

147/ YES 7/ NO

Move that the Town vote to appropriate, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$129,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain property consisting of 46 acres, more or less, being the same land described in a deed conveyed to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust Inc. recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 4878, Page 154; that said land be conveyed to the Town of Northfield under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Northfield, and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Northfield any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132 A, Section 11) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission of the Town of Northfield be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Northfield to effect said purchase, which sum shall be contingent on the Town being awarded at least \$70,000.00 in grant funding and contingent on approval by the voters of a Debt Exclusion pursuant to G.L. c. 59, s.21C(j), Proposition 2 ½.

Article 8. Passed/ Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$5,500.00 from Free Cash to allow the Board of Selectmen to hire a consultant to advise and coordinate the efforts of the Board of Selectmen, the Northfield Mount Hermon School Transition Committee and the Open Space Committee to assist in raising funds, evaluating conservation values and issues and advising on land use issues.

Article 9. Passed/ Majority Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend the Bylaws and Regulations for the Government of the Town of Northfield as follows.

(Please note that proposed additions are shown in *italics*.)

- a. The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or (the Licensing Authority), that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, ("the party"), that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve-month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.
- b. The Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on the list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector *or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector;* provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the Tax Collector, as required by applicable provisions or law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. This list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the Licensing Authority with respect to such licensing denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not

be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding and shall not be for any appeal from such license denial, revocation, or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the Licensing Authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges, payable to the Town as the date of issuance of said certificate.

c. Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the Licensing Authority to issue a certificate indicating limitations to the license or permit and the validity of the license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with the agreement. Failure to comply with this agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license or permit; *provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.*

d. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension, or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on the property.

Article 10. Passed/ 2/3rd Voice Vote

Move that the Town vote to amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw for the Town of Northfield as follows.

(Please note that proposed additions are shown in *italics.*)

7.03.01 All access drives to dwellings shall intersect as nearly as possible at right angles to the public way. In no case shall the intersect angle be less than 60°. In addition, all access drives greater than 200 feet in length, shall conform to the following standards:

Loam or other yielding natural material shall be removed to non-yielding substrata. Existing material or backfill of stable material shall be used to bring subgrade to the grade of the surrounding area and shall be thoroughly compacted.

Washed gravel or crushed stone shall be placed on the subgrade at not less than six inches in depth and thoroughly compacted. Subgrade and finished traveled surface shall be not less than twelve (12) feet wide.

The grade of the drive shall not exceed nine (9%) percent *for the first forty (40) feet off of road. From that point on the grade of the driveway shall not exceed twelve (12%) percent at any point.* All driveway curves shall have a centerline radius of not less than fifty (50) feet.

A cul-de-sac, "T", or "L" turn around sufficient for fire apparatus shall be provided not more than 100 feet from the dwelling served by the drive.

All trees and rocks standing more than six (6) inches above grade shall be removed to a distance of four (4) feet from the traveled driveway surface. All branches over the drive shall be removed to a height of twelve (12) feet.

All permitted driveways shall be maintained at the above standards.

Article 11. Defeated / Voice Vote in excess of majority vote opposed
2/3rd vote required

Motion from the floor: (Fern Bork) Defeated / Show of Hands

"To change on page 9 in the restaurants drive in or drive thru category the "SP" in all categories to read "N" for drive thru, with an asterisk. * Drive in restaurant allowed by special permit, (Z.B.A.)."

Motion from the floor: (Gary H. Weiss) Passed / Voice Vote

"K – add – all buildings must be in similar style and pattern to existing buildings w/in the district"
(page 13)

Motion from the floor: "Stop debate" Passed/ Voice Vote 2/3rd vote required

Move: that the Town vote to amend the Protective Regulations Bylaw for the Town of Northfield as follows.

(Please note that proposed additions are shown in *italics*. Proposed deletions are shown with a strikethrough.)

Article II. Administration and Enforcement

2.01 Enforcement

This By-Law shall be enforced by the Selectmen or a Building Inspector appointed by them. Any person violating any of the provisions of the By-Law may be fined not more than ~~twenty~~ *one hundred* dollars for each offense. Each day after seven days that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Prior to the imposition of any fines, written notice of the nature of the violation shall be given to the person or persons against whom the fine is to be imposed. Said notice shall state the first date upon which a fine shall be imposed for a violation of this By-law, which date shall not be less than seven days from the receipt of said notice. Said notice shall contain reference to the specific section of the By-law which is being violated together with a statement of the penalty for said violation.

Article III. Definitions

3.02 Definitions

Adult Oriented Business

Any place of business at which any of the following activities is conducted:

Adult Bookstore - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its business sales, inventory, or stock in trade, books, magazines, and other matter which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Paraphernalia Store - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its business sales, inventory, or stock in trade, devices, objects, tools, or toys which are distinguished or characterized by their association with sexual activity, including sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Video Store - An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its business sales, inventory, or stock in trade, videos, movies, or other film material which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Motion Picture Theater - An enclosed theater building used for presenting material distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Motion Picture Arcade - Any place to which the public is permitted or invited where electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and in which a substantial portion of the total presentation time of the images so displayed is devoted to the showing of material which is distinguished or characterized by its emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Cabaret - A nightclub, restaurant, or similar establishment which during a substantial portion of the total presentation time features live performances which are distinguished or characterized by its emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Motel - A motel or similar establishment offering public accommodations for any form of consideration which provides patrons with closed circuit television transmissions,

films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions, a substantial portion of the total presentation time of which are distinguished or characterized by its emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Adult Theater - A theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar establishment either indoor or outdoor in nature, which, for any form of consideration, regularly features live performances, a substantial portion of the total presentation time of which are distinguished or characterized by its emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Obscene Entertainment - All entertainment which is "obscene" within the meaning of that term as defined by MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272 and/or a final adjudication of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Adult Encounter Center - A business or commercial enterprise that as one of its primary business purposes, offers for any form of consideration activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more persons are in the state of nudity and where the activities are distinguished or characterized by its emphasis depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Section 31 of Chapter 272.

Substantial or Significant Portion shall mean that any one of the following apply: twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the business inventory or stock of merchandise for sale, rental, distribution, or exhibition during any period of time; or twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the annual number of gross sales, rentals, or other business transactions; or twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the annual gross business revenue; or twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the hours during which the establishment is open.

Bed and Breakfast

An accessory use to an owner-occupied dwelling unit consisting of overnight lodging with breakfast. No meals other than a breakfast shall be served.

Office, Business

The workplace of computer software, insurance, or other business professionals which may include space for appropriate support staff (e.g. administrative assistants, etc.).

Office, Professional

The workplace of physicians, lawyers, engineers, or other licensed professionals which may include space for appropriate support staff (e.g. nurses, administrative assistants, etc.).

Restaurant

An establishment at which the principal activity is the preparation and sale of food for immediate consumption.

Article IV. Establishment of Districts

4.01 Districts

For the purposes of this By-Law, the town of Northfield is hereby divided into two four districts:

*Residential-Agricultural-Forested (RAF),
Residential-Agricultural (RA),
Main Street Village Center (MVC), and
Rural Village Center (RVC)*

as shown on a map on file in the office of the Town Clerk entitled "Official Zoning Map, Town of Northfield." In addition, there shall be two overlay districts, the Floodplain Overlay District and the Groundwater Supply Protection District as defined below. Zoning district boundary lines may only be changed by adoption of an amendment to this By-Law.

Article VI. Use Regulations

6.02 Use Regulations Schedule

No building or structure shall be constructed, and no building, structure, or land, or part thereof shall be used for any purpose or in any manner other than for one or more of the uses hereinafter set forth as permissible. Symbols employed in the following use regulations schedule shall have the following meaning:

Y – Yes, the use is permitted "by right" in that Zoning District

N – No, the use is not permitted in that Zoning District

SP – The use may be permitted if a Special Permit is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals

SPP – The use may be permitted if a Special Permit is granted by the Planning Board

	Residential – Agricultural (RA)	Residential – Agricultural – Forested (RAF)	Rural Village Center (RVC)	Main Street Village Center (MVC)
Residential Uses				
Single-Family Dwelling	Y	Y	Y	Y
Two-Family Dwelling	Y	Y	Y	Y
Converted Single-family Dwelling to Two to Four-Family dwelling	SP	SP	SP	SP
Multi-Family (see Section 9.01)	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP

	Residential – Agricultural (RA)	Residential – Agricultural – Forested (RAF)	Rural Village Center (RVC)	Main Street Village Center (MVC)
Temporary Mobile Home (see Section 6.03.03)	SP	SP	SP	SP
Mobile Home/ Mobile Home Park	N	N	N	N
<i>Bed and Breakfast, up to 6 bedrooms for lodging, complying with Section 10.02</i>	SP	SP	Y	Y
Bed and Breakfast, up to 6 bedrooms for lodging, other	SP	SP	SP	SP
Apartments or Tenement Houses	N	N	N	N
Cultural & Recreational Uses				
Agriculture or Forestry	Y	Y	Y	Y
Golf Courses or Driving Ranges	SP	SP	SP	SP
Commercial Outdoor Recreation	SP	SP	SP	SP
Wildlife Preserve or Other Conservation Uses	Y	Y	Y	Y
Community Services				
Public Utility Facility	SP	SP	SP	SP
Wireless Communication Facilities	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP
Educational Uses exempted from zoning regulation by M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3	Y	Y	Y	Y
Other Educational Uses not exempted from zoning regulation by M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3	SP	SP	SP	SP
Church, other Religious Use	Y	Y	Y	Y
Municipal Uses not covered elsewhere	SP	SP	SP	SP
Family *Day Care Facility for 6 or less children or adults	Y	Y	Y	Y
Family *Day Care Facility for more than six children or adults	SP	SP	SP	SP
<i>Business Offices or Professional Offices, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with up to and including 2,000 square feet enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02</i>	SP	SP	Y	Y
<i>Business Offices or Professional Offices, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with 2,001- 2,500 square feet of enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02</i>	SP	SP	Y	SP

	Residential – Agricultural (RA)	Residential – Agricultural – Forested (RAF)	Rural Village Center (RVC)	Main Street Village Center (MVC)
Business Offices or Professional Offices, other, not including Adult Oriented Businesses	SP	SP	SP	SP
Banks	SP	SP	SP	SP
Restaurant, drive in or thru, not including Adult Oriented Businesses	SP	SP	SP	SP
Restaurant with no drive in or thru, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with up to and including 2,000 square feet enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02	SP	SP	Y	Y
Restaurant with no drive in or thru, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with 2,001-2,500 square feet of enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02	SP	SP	Y	SP
Restaurant, other, not including Adult Oriented Businesses	SP	SP	SP	SP
Gift Shops, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with up to and including 2,000 square feet enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02	SP	SP	Y	Y
Gift Shops, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with 2,001- 2,500 square feet of enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02	SP	SP	Y	SP
Gift Shops, other, not including Adult Oriented Businesses	SP	SP	SP	SP
Motor Vehicle Sales	SP	SP	SP	SP
Laundry, Laundromat	SP	SP	SP	SP
Theaters	SP	SP	SP	SP
Boarding or Lodging Housing	SP	SP	SP	SP
Home Occupation	Y	Y	Y	Y
Retail Establishments, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with up to and including 2,000 square feet enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02, where all sales, display, and storage of merchandise is within building(s)	SP	SP	Y	Y

	Residential – Agricultural (RA)	Residential – Agricultural – Forested (RAF)	Rural Village Center (RVC)	Main Street Village Center (MVC)
<i>Retail Establishments, not including Adult Oriented Businesses, with 2,001-2,500 square feet enclosed floor area and complying with Section 10.02, where all sales, display, and storage of merchandise is within building(s)</i>	SP	SP	Y	SP
<i>Retail Establishments, other, or developments not including Adult Oriented Businesses, where all sales, display and storage of merchandise is within building(s)</i>	SP	SP	SP	SP
<i>Adult Oriented Businesses</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Tattoo Parlors</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Conversion of an historic (50 years or older) Residential or Commercial structure with no more than 3,500 square feet of enclosed floor area, to a mix of Retail Stores, Business or Professional Offices, Restaurants or Residential uses, complying with Section 10.02</i>	SP	SP	Y	SP
Industrial Uses				
<i>Conversion of existing structures for Industrial Use</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Junkyards and dumps</i>	N	N	N	N
<i>Landfills</i>	SP	SP	N	N
<i>Manufacturing, Processing & Laboratories</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Freight or Transportation Facilities</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Gasoline Station, Repair Garages</i>	SP	SP	SP	SP
<i>Quarrying, Gravel Mining</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Sawmill</i>	SP	SP	SP	N
<i>Bulk Storage, Warehousing, Self Storage</i>	SP	SP	SP	N

Article VII. Dimensional and Density Regulations

7.01 Lot frontage, area, intensity, depth and width

	Minimum Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Minimum Frontage (feet)	Minimum Depth (feet)	Front, Rear, and Side Yards (feet) for Principal Buildings or Accessory Structures greater than 200 sq. ft.	Front, Rear and Side Yards (feet) for Accessory Structures less than 200 sq. ft.	Maximum Height (feet)
Residential – Agriculture – Forestry Agricultural – Forested (RAF)	100,000	250	300	25	10	35
Residential – Agricultural (RA), Main Street Village Center (MVC), and Rural Village Center (RVC)						
--- Lots served by municipal sewer	35,000	150	200	25	10	35
--- Lots not served by municipal sewer	50,000	150	200	25	10	35

Article X. Special Requirements for Specified Uses

10.02 Performance Standards for Non-Residential Uses and Bed & Breakfast Establishments

Retail Establishments, Gift Shops, Restaurants, Business or Professional Offices, and Bed & Breakfast Establishments, which may be allowed by right according to Section 6.02 provided that they comply with the requirements of this Section 10.02, must meet all the Performance Standards of this section and the Review and Submission requirements, otherwise they require a Special Permit. In order for the Building Inspector to make this determination in consultation with the Planning Board, the following information is required:

10.02.01 Review and Submission Procedures

1. Plan Filing Requirements

The following plans and items shall be submitted to the Building Inspector with an application form and three (3) copies of the drawings. Plans shall be prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect or professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.

- (a) A locus map at a scale of 1"=1,000' inset within the plans noted below to identify the location of the proposed development.*
- (b) A plan view at a scale not to exceed 1"= 100' showing location and dimensions of all existing and proposed buildings, parking areas and access roads on the site subject to this application. Clearly show the relationship between proposed and existing structures and adjacent lots within a radius of five hundred (500) feet.*
- (c) Elevation views at a scale not to exceed 1"= 10' showing location and relationships of all existing and proposed buildings on the site as viewed from*

front, side and rear yards. Elevations shall illustrate proposed building materials, window treatments, and roof pitch.

- (d) A plan view at a scale not to exceed 1"= 40' showing the location and dimensions of all existing and proposed buildings, access points, parking areas, bicycle racks, roads, sidewalks, open spaces and utilities, including underground utility lines, water, sewer, electric power, telephone, gas, outdoor illumination and cable television.*
- (e) A plan view of the site at a scale not to exceed 1"= 40' indicating location, species and dimensions of trees and other landscaped features, both existing and proposed.*
- (f) A narrative identifying the type of business proposed and the hours of operation.*

10.02.02 Performance Standards

- 1. The following performance standards must be met:*
 - (a) Traffic generation shall not exceed eighty (80) passenger vehicle trips per day as estimated using the average weekday trip rate for the proposed use from the Institute for Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual. Traffic volumes may be higher to accommodate a seasonal increase in business provided that the seasonal increase does not last longer than four weeks during any calendar year and provided that traffic volumes do not exceed 120 passenger vehicle trips per day;*
 - (b) Uses must have frontage and access from Routes 63/10 or Route 142;*
 - (c) Sound or noise levels may not exceed 60 dBA, at the boundary of the property;*
 - (d) Vibration, odor, or flashing that is perceptible without instruments may not occur beyond the parcel boundaries of the originating premises, except for warning devices, construction work;*
 - (e) Parking areas may not exceed ten (10) spaces and must be located to the side or rear of the buildings;*
 - (f) The hours of operation must be no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 9 p.m. The limitation on hours of operation shall not apply to Bed & Breakfasts.*
 - (g) A minimum five (5) foot wide buffer area shall surround the parking area and shall provide adequate screening of the parking area from abutting parcels. Such buffer area shall be planted with a combination of evergreen and deciduous shrubs that are at least five (5) feet in height.*
 - (h) At least one shade tree, with a minimum three (3) inch caliper and which is at least 15 feet in height, shall be planted in or adjacent to the parking area for every three parking spaces required or built;*

- (i) *Lighting shall be pedestrian in scale with fixtures not exceeding sixteen (16) feet in height and cut-off fixtures that direct light downward shall be used;*
- (j) *Lighting shall not produce illumination beyond the property boundaries and shall be in the white light spectrum;*
- (k) *Building materials shall be of wooden clapboards, cedar shingles, brick or stone. Alternative building materials may be used if they realistically simulate one or more of the above materials and if their use is approved by the Planning Board;*
- (l) *Roofs shall be gable or hip roofs with a pitch between 5:12 and 12:14.*
- (m) *Windows in the Main Street Village Center District must be double hung windows similar in style and pattern to existing historic buildings within the district.*
- (n) *Lighting fixtures in the Main Street Village Center District shall be consistent with the historic character of the district;*
- (o) *Signage shall be professionally constructed and shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in size. One downlit sign made of wood, stone, brick, or wrought iron shall be allowed, which can be either freestanding or attached to the building. The design of the sign should reflect the scale and character of the structure or site and its surroundings.*

10.02.03 *Failure to Comply with Performance Standards*

If a use is required to meet the Performance Standards under Section 10.02.02 and is no longer in compliance with one or more of the Performance Standards, then the use shall either require a Special Permit or changes shall be made in order for the use to comply with all the Performance Standards under Section 10.02.02. If the use can no longer comply with the Performance Standards and cannot obtain a Special Permit, then the use must cease within 6 months from the date that the use was no longer in compliance with one or more of the Performance Standards under Section 10.02.02, or within 3 months of the date the Special Permit for the use was denied, whichever is first.

10.02.04 *Square Footage Requirements for Performance Standards*

The ability of a business to use the Performance Standards in order to be allowed by right according to Section 6.02 will be based on the cumulative square footage of all the businesses in a building.¹

¹ *For example, if a 2,000 square foot retail store exists in a 4,000 square foot building in the Main Street Village Center district, then any additional businesses in the same building would require a special permit. If the existing retail store is only 1,000 square feet in size, then another business up to 1,000 square feet in size could be added by right in the building provided that the additional business met all the performance standards.*

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
~~2005/1987~~

Description:

Main Street Village Center (MVC) District

The Main Street Village Center (MVC) District within the Town of Northfield is located along State Route 63/10 (Main Street). The district starts at the Route 63-Route 10 intersection near the Bennett Meadow Bridge, and runs northerly to the intersection of Route 63/10 and Moody Street. The district extends 300 feet parallel and perpendicular to the existing centerline of State Route 63/10 in both an easterly and westerly direction from the existing centerline of Route 63/10.

Rural Village Center (RVC) District

There are three Rural Village Center (RVC) District areas within the Town of Northfield:

- (1) Along State Route 63 (Millers Falls Road) from the intersection of Route 63 and the northern end of Lower Farms Road, northerly to the Route 63-Pine Meadow Road intersection. The district extends 500 feet parallel and perpendicular to the existing centerline of State Route 63 in both an easterly and westerly direction from the existing centerline of Route 63.*
- (2) Along State Route 63 (Hinsdale Road) and State Route 10 (Wanamaker Road) from the Route 63-Route 10 intersection near Wanamaker Brook, northerly to the New Hampshire state line. The district extends 500 feet parallel and perpendicular to the existing centerline of State Routes 63 and 10 in both an easterly and westerly direction from the existing centerlines of Routes 63 and 10.*
- (3) Along State Route 142 (Mount Hermon Station Road) from the Route 142-River Road intersection, northerly to the Vermont state line. The district extends 500 feet parallel and perpendicular to the existing centerline of State Route 142 in both an easterly and westerly direction from the existing centerline of Route 142.*

Residential-Agricultural (RA) District

The RA District consists of all the lands lying within the easterly and westerly boundaries described below, excepting those lands in the Main Street Village Center District and Rural Village Center District, as described above.

Description:

Easterly Boundary of the RA District:

Starting at the New Hampshire State line on Winchester Road

- (1) Southerly 1,600 feet to a point*
- (2) Then southerly in a straight line to a point*
- (3) On School Street, 750 feet easterly of the intersection of Strowbridge Road and School Street, then easterly on School Street to*
- (4) The intersection of School Street and Warwick Road, then southerly on Warwick Road to a point on Warwick Road*
- (5) Located 2,000 feet easterly of the intersection of St. Mary's Street, Strowbridge Road and Warwick Road; then southerly in a straight line to the intersection of Old Turnpike Road and Commonwealth Avenue,*

- (6) Then southerly along Commonwealth Avenue to the intersection with Gulf Road
- (7) Then easterly on Gulf Road to the intersection of Alexander Hill Road and Gulf Road
- (8) Then southerly in a straight line to the intersection of Old Wendell Road and Lyman Road
- (9) Then southerly along Old Wendell Road 2,000 feet to a point
- (10) Then southerly in a straight line to a point on South Mountain Road 2,000 feet easterly of the intersection of Rte. 63 and South Mountain Road
- (11) Then 2,000 feet easterly on South Mountain Road to a point
- (12) Then southerly in a straight line to a point on Pine Meadow Brook 1,000 feet easterly of Rte. 63
- (13) Then westerly on Pine Meadow Brook 500 feet to a point easterly from Rte. 63
- (14) Then southerly parallel to and 500 feet easterly of Rte. 63 to the Erving Town line

Description:

Westerly Boundary of RA District:

Starting at the Vermont State line at a point 1,000 feet westerly of Rte. 142, southerly and parallel to Rte. 142 to the Bernardston Town line

Residential-Agricultural-Forested (RAF) District

The RAF district consists of all lands in the Town of Northfield excepting those lands in the Residential-Agricultural (RA), Main Street Village Center (MVC), and Rural Village Center (RVC) Districts, as described above.

* Corrected by Matthew Bazzani Planning Board Chair due to typographical error

Article 12. ~~Defeated~~ / Voice Vote

Submitted by Petition

Motion from the floor: (Bruce Jones) "Move the question" Passed/ Unanimous Voice Vote
2/3rd vote required

Move that the Town vote to **rescind the vote under Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting held May 1992**, whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22 F.

Article 13.

Motion from the floor (Bruce Jones) "**Pass Over**" Article 13 **Passed/ 2/3rd Voice Vote**

Submitted by Petition

Move that the Town vote to adopt the following bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto.
"Transfer station fees shall be set annually by a vote of the Annual Town Meeting."

There being no further business to come before the Town, the Special Town Meeting was dissolved by Moderator Thomas Shearer at 10:21 p.m.

Attest:

Gail V. Zukowski
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Special Municipal Election November 30, 2005

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Two hundred thirty five votes were cast with the following results;

Question 1

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, socalled, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to provide architectural construction oversight and construction of the Dickinson Memorial Library Architectural Barrier Removal Project.

YES	195
NO	40
BLANK	0

Question 2

Shall the Town of Northfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, socalled, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase for conservation and passive recreation purposes by negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain property consisting of 46 acres, more or less, being the same land described in a deed conveyed to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust Inc. recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 4878, Page 154.

YES	186
NO	47
BLANK	2

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

Registered Voters --- 2151
Votes Cast --- 235
Voter Turnout --- 11%

Election Workers

Jane Abbott
Edwin Finch
Alice Fortier
Betty Gibson
Helen Gorzocoski
Ruth Johnson
Linda Leavis
Christine McColleston
Teresa Nelson
Robin Severance
Deborah Taricano

Election Worker
Clerk
Election Worker
Election Worker
Inspector
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker
Election Worker
Warden
Election Worker

Attest: Gail V. Zukowski, Town Clerk

Vitals and Statistics

Births
21

Marriages
25

Deaths
23

Fish and Game Sales

F1	RESIDENT FISHING	27
F2	RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	3
F4	RESIDENT FISHING HANDICAPPED	8
F6	NON-RESIDENT FISHING	9
F7	NON-RESIDENT FISHING 3 DAY	2
H1	RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	6
H2	RESIDENT HUNTING AGE 65 - 69	1
H5	NON-RESIDENT HUNTING BIG GAME	12
H6	NON-RESIDENT HUNTING SMALL GAME	6
H8	RESIDENT CITIZEN MINOR HUNTING	3
S1	RESIDENT SPORTING	24
S3	RESIDENT CITIZEN SPORTING AGE OVER 70	17
M1	ARCHERY STAMP	15
M2	WATERFOWL STAMP	12
M3	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	20
W1	WILDLIFE CONS. STAMP RESIDENT	59
W2	WILDLIFE CONS. STAMP NON- RESIDENT	25

Dog Licenses

MALE /FEMALE	95
SPAYED FEMALE/NEUTERED MALE	585
KENNEL (4 DOGS)	3
KENNEL (10 DOGS)	3
KENNEL (MORE THAN 10 DOGS)	2
BY LAW VIOLATIONS	51
FINES FROM 04 \$15 AND 1 DOG @ \$5.00	2
LOOSE DOG 04	1
LOOSE DOG FINES	5

Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen had a busy year in 2005. Early in the year the Board appointed a committee to look into various alternatives to Northfield's emergency response service. The committee recommended to keep an independent organization to provide that service. A consultant was hired to help reorganize the group and re-license the ambulance. Mark Fortier was hired to run Northfield EMS and the organization is doing great.

The Town finally received authorization from the Massachusetts Highway Department to begin the design. A workshop was held to receive input from the Town on developing a comprehensive master plan for the sidewalks and Main Street. Subsequent workshops presented the plan and requested input on prioritizing various components of the project. Currently, the highest priority components are being designed.

The Northfield Mount Hermon Transition Committee continued to meet and discuss Northfield's concerns regarding the divestiture of the Northfield campus. A subcommittee of the Transition Committee together with members of the Open Space Committee is looking at the potential for purchasing or preserving some of the school's open space that is considered most important to the town. A consultant has been hired to assist the committee in that effort.

The Board of Selectmen worked with Mount Grace Land Trust to purchase and preserve property on Brush Mountain coming out of Chapter 61. With the assistance of Joanne McGee the Town applied for and was awarded a Self-Help grant to provide most of the funds needed to purchase the property from the land trust. The local share of the purchase price was approved at the Special Town Meeting in November.

Town Hall renovations continue with the start of construction of an office for the Town Accountant. The office should be completed this winter. Ultimately, the project will result in additional office or meeting space on the second floor.

Administrative Assistant

As Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, I assist the Board in carrying out their tasks and duties. Ongoing activities of the Board include: setting the agenda for town meetings, purchasing goods and services, granting liquor and automobile dealer licenses, overseeing Town buildings, appointing individuals to serve on boards and committees, overseeing the Town's personnel policy and conducting, tree, pole and dog hearings. One of the most interesting and enlightening projects this year was the creation of a prioritized list of projects the Town is currently engaged in or intends to complete in the next 3-5 years. The list was a requirement of the Town's application to the Community Development Block Grant program and I have included it here for your information.

Town of Northfield
2006 Community Development Strategy - Prioritized Projects List (Final Draft)

1 High Priority 2 Moderate Priority EP Existing Priority (project is in process and funding has been secured)
 * indicates funding has been secured

Priority	Timeline	Project	Project Description/Relevant Plan	Funding Source/Estimated Cost
EP	2005-2006	Brush Mountain Conservation Area	With the assistance of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, acquire Brush Mountain site for passive outdoor recreation (Open Space and Recreation Plan; Capital Plan; Master Plan)	Self-Help grant; other grants; Town debt; private funds (*\$129,000) Self-Help grant completion deadline: June 1, 2006
EP	2005-2007	Interoperable Radio Communications System Project	Develop interoperable radio communications system to improve the ability of first responders to communicate at the scene (Capital Plan)	Local Preparedness Grants; Town funds (*\$25,000)
EP	2005-2007	Establish Village Center Zoning Districts	Revise the Town's Zoning Bylaws to create new Village Center Zoning Districts that allow mixed residential and commercial uses and incorporate Performance Standards (Community Development Plan)	Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant (*\$15,000 - grant funds were expended in 2005)
EP	2006	Regional Industrial Park Study	Determine if a site in Northfield is suitable for an industrial park. Project includes preparation of GIS base maps, evaluation of environmental constraints, available infrastructure and permitting requirements (Community Development Plan; Master Plan)	*Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant through the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (*\$23,000)
EP	2006 -2007	Evaluation of Northfield Mount Hermon (NMIH) School Land	Evaluate certain NMIH land for conservation values and land use issues and explore funding sources (Open Space and Recreation Plan; Community Development Plan; Master Plan)	Town funds (*\$5,500.00)

1 High Priority 2 Moderate Priority EP Existing Priority (project is in process and funding has been secured)

*indicates funding has been secured

Priority	Timeline	Project	Project Description/Relevant Plan	Funding Source/Estimated Cost
EP (Design) ----- 1 (Construction)	2004-2005 2005-2006	South Mountain Road Reconstruction	Design, permit and construct improvements to South Mountain Road (Master Plan) Phase 1 construction completed 2005 Phase 2 to be constructed 2006	<u>Design:</u> Chapter 90 (*\$18,000) <u>Construction:</u> Chapter 90 (*\$300,000) Funds not yet released
EP (Design) ----- 1 (Construction)	2005- 2006 2007-2008	Main Street Revitalization Project	Community development project involving reconstruction of sidewalks, streetscape improvements and pedestrian safety improvements. (Open Space and Recreation Plan; Capital Plan; Master Plan)	<u>Design:</u> Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Scenic Byways Program; Chapter 90 (*\$114,250) <u>Construction:</u> FHWA Scenic Byways Program; FHWA Enhancements Program T-21; Community Development Action Grant (CDAG) (\$1M - \$1.5M est.) <u>Grant application deadline:</u> FHWA Scenic Byways grant due February 6, 2006
EP (Assessment) ----- 2 (Implementation)	2005-2006 2007-2008	Four Mile Brook Watershed Assessment Implementation Projects	Project includes completion of an assessment of the Four Mile Brook watershed, a macro invertebrate sampling program, a public education and outreach effort and a watershed management plan (Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; Open Space and Recreation Plan)	<u>Assessment:</u> Water Quality Planning Grant - 604B; Town funds (*\$66,700) <u>Implementation Projects:</u> Water Quality - 319 funds; Chapter 90; Town funds (\$ unknown)

1 High Priority 2 Moderate Priority EP Existing Priority (project is in process and funding has been secured)
 *indicates funding has been secured

Priority	Timeline	Project	Project Description/Relevant Plan	Funding Source/Estimated Cost
EP (Design)	2004-2005	Dickinson Memorial Library Architectural Barrier Removal Project	Handicap accessibility project including construction of an elevator, accessible parking and route to Library, second means of egress (stairs), two accessible bathrooms and installation of visual and audible alarms, Braille signage and accessible door hardware. (Library Long Range Plan; ADA Transition Plan; Master Plan)	<u>Design:</u> Town funds (*\$25,000) Completed 2005 <u>Construction:</u> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Town funds (\$189,356 from Special Town Meeting 11/05 and \$19,000 from previous projects)
1 (Construction)	2007			<u>Grant application deadline:</u> FY 2006 CDBG due March 31, 2006
1	2006	Housing Rehabilitation	Provide resources to assist low and moderate income residents to improve conditions in existing housing (Community Development Plan)	CDBG: \$90,000 <u>Grant application deadline:</u> FY 2006 CDBG due March 31, 2006
2	2010	New Public Safety Complex	Design, permit and construct facility for Fire Department, Police Department, EMS and Emergency Management Director (Capital Plan; Master Plan)	<u>Design:</u> Town funds (\$ unknown) <u>Construction:</u> Town funds; Town debt (\$ unknown)
2	2010	New Senior Center	Develop specifications, permit and construct Senior Center at existing Town-owned site or new site (Capital Plan)	<u>Design:</u> CDBG; Town funds (*\$38,500) <u>Construction:</u> CDBG; Town funds; Town debt (\$1.5M est.)

EP Existing Priority (project is in process and funding has been secured)

1 High Priority
2 Moderate Priority
*indicates funding has been secured

Priority	Timeline	Project	Project Description/Relevant Plan	Funding Source/Estimated Cost
2	Unknown	Main Street Market Analysis Study	Project includes an inventory of building use, business mix, trade area size, available infrastructure, economic and consumer data, etc. and an analysis of business opportunities (Community Development Plan; Master Plan)	MassDevelopment; Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant
1	2006	Old Vernon Road Mitigation Project	Design, permit and construct project to prevent flooding on portion of Old Vernon Road (Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; Master Plan)	Design: Chapter 90; FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant; Town funds (\$ 16,500)
				Construction: Chapter 90; FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (\$ unknown)
1	Ongoing	Town Building Maintenance and Renovation Projects	Assess needs, design and implement maintenance and renovation projects for Town buildings, including Town Hall drainage project (Capital Plan; Master Plan)	Design/Construction: Town funds; Town debt; CDBG (\$ costs vary depending on project)
	2006 2006	Town Hall Roof Town Hall Windows	Repair Town Hall Roof Replace 16 Town Hall Windows	(* \$28,240) (* \$6,280)
2	Ongoing	Town Roads Maintenance and Reconstruction Projects	Assess needs, design, permit and implement improvements to Town roads (Master Plan; Capital Plan)	Design/Construction: Chapter 90; Town funds (\$ costs vary depending on project)
2	Ongoing	Land Protection	Protect certain land for conservation, recreation, forestry and agricultural purposes (Open Space and Recreation Plan; Master Plan)	Agricultural Preservation Restriction program (APR); Self-Help grant; Town funds; Town debt; private funds (\$ costs vary depending on project)

Northfield EMS

I am privileged and honored to make my first report as the Director of Northfield EMS, formerly known as Northfield Rescue to the citizens of the town of Northfield. I am proud to report that the word "dysfunctional" that was seen in the newspaper now no longer can be used to describe this group. The citizens should be proud of this dedicated group who has stayed through the difficult times so that the public would be provided with quality medical care.

Over the past year the organization has seen its share of changes. The most dramatic being the change in licensing classification from Advanced Life Support to Basic Life Support. This was a difficult decision, but in the long run it was decided to be the most appropriate as the town was lacking the necessary personnel trained at the ALS level in order to provide consistent ALS care. It is my goal to one day meet the necessary state requirements to again provide advanced level care as part of our response. Recruitment will be a key element in meeting this goal. I am pleased to report that 5 new members of Northfield EMS have passed the EMT-Basic training course and are awaiting State Certification. Once certified, this will solidify our ability to perform Basic level care plus provide a solid foundation for the future.

Another change has been the call volume. The department responded to 151 emergency calls in 2005. This is an increase from 114 in 2004. The quality of care that we can provide on these calls depends on the equipment we have available to us. When we respond to emergencies we may be in our personal vehicle or the town owned first response ambulance. This vehicle is a 1989 Chevy Suburban that was formerly a police cruiser. The ambulance carries our medical supplies and equipment. It would also be used to transport to the hospital in the case that Baystate Health Ambulance is unavailable. The ambulance has served the community well but is showing its age. It is becoming more difficult and more expensive to maintain. As the State requires a vehicle of this type in order to maintain our current license, it will be necessary to replace this vehicle. I ask for your support in this initiative.

In closing, one other major change has been with the management structure of the group. I must thank the board of selectman for giving me the opportunity to work with such a fine group of professionals. I must also thank every current and former member of Northfield EMS who has supported me and the success of the organization. Without there dedication to continued education, training and to the citizens of Northfield there would be no service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Fortier
Director
Northfield Emergency Medical Services

Northfield Fire Department

The Northfield Fire Department responded to a total 215 emergencies during the last year. The calls are as follows:

Structure Fires	3
Vehicle Fires	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
Brush Fires	5
Illegal Burning	7
Chimney Fires	4
Smoke Investigations	2
Electrical Fires	5
Wires Down	25
Oven Fires	5
Furnace Malfunctions	3
Fire Alarms	20
NMH	
Linden Hill School	13
Other Fire Alarms	21
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	4
Mutual Aid Calls	36
Mutual Received	14
Hazardous Materials Response	7
Propane Gas Leaks	2
High Angle Rescue	1
Water Rescue	4
Assist EMT's	2
Bomb Threats	2
Explosive devices located	1
Flooded Basements requiring pumping	17
Arson Investigations	2
Miscellaneous Calls	2
TOTAL	215

The number of responses this year is up dramatically from previous years. Some of this increase is due to the extreme weather we had during the past year. A tremendous amount of rain resulted in fire department response to water rescue, 1 mutual aid call for water rescue during flash flood conditions and 17 residences for flooded basements. The fire department can only pump cellars when there is immediate danger to the electrical panel, furnace, or other hazards. Even then, we can only pump the water down to 2 or 3 inches. Wind was contributing factor to the number of trees on power lines or power lines down in the road. Never approach downed wires. They have the potential of being energized with over 13,000 volts of power even if they are not burning or smoking!

Another contributing factor to the increase number of calls are the alarms we are required to respond to. Because of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors our request for services continues to rise. The positive side of this is several of these alarms are due to burnt cooking

which has alerted occupants to a problem before it becomes serious. And I can credit smoke detectors to saving 4 lives this year in Town. These residents were alerted while they were sleeping to escape their burning home in the middle of the night. The home was badly damaged but they all got out alive.

During the last year we put into service a new rescue boat. The boat is a 16' Rescue One connector boat with a 40 HP motor and trailer. This replaces an old leaking fiberglass boat used by the dept for years. The new boat was purchased entirely by donations including Northfield Mtn project, Northfield Mount Hermon School, Montague Elks, and private donations. The new rescue boat proved invaluable during the flash flooding that occurred through out the County.

We have tried to access funding from the Federal fire service grants from Homeland Security. We applied for 2 grants, the first for replacement turn out gear for the firefighters and the second to replace the departments aging rescue truck. Unfortunately, we were not successful with either venture. However, the Town did receive funds to help purchase radios for the new County wide radio network that will allow interoperable communications between police, fire, EMS and other agencies with a new linked radio system. I would like to thank the Selectmen and Administrative Assistant for their assistance in securing these funds.

I want to thank the members of the fire department for their continued devotion and pledge to protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Northfield. Finally, I want to thank all the Boards, Committees, and Departments for their assistance during the past year.

Sincerely

F. M. "Skip" Dunnell III
Fire Chief



Northfield Police Department

Town Hall
69 Main Street
Northfield, MA 01360
413-498-5118

I am pleased to be your police chief and it is with pleasure I submit my thirteenth Annual Town Report of the Northfield Police Department.

The Northfield Police Department serves a growing community of approximately 3,500 residents. The department is comprised of three full-time personnel. There are also seven reserve police officers that serve the community on a part-time basis and part-time administrative assistant. The men and woman of the Northfield Police Department are committed to providing high quality police services to the citizens of the Town of Northfield as well as those who visit our community.

The purpose of the Police Department is to provide a variety of police services to the citizens and visitors of the Northfield community. These services include keeping the peace, law enforcement, criminal investigation, traffic safety, and other services that promote public safety.

The Police Department strives for excellence through solid leadership and effective selection, training, and retention of quality police employees.

Members of the Police Department are encouraged not only to respond to crime but also to work with the community and other entities to reduce the effects and fear of crime. Police Officers are not merely enforcers of the law, but problem solvers who strive to find reasonable solutions to issues of concern. It is the intent of the Police Department to work with others to ensure the Town of Northfield is a place where we ourselves, as members of the community, wish to live and raise our families.

Sergeant Robert Leighton received an award from the Franklin County Chiefs Association for his actions on the night of April 20, 2005 in saving the life a woman in the Town of Erving who was attempting suicide. Sgt. Leighton who is also an Emergency Medical Technician, located this person and removed her from danger. If it had not been for Sgt. Leighton's quick intervention, training and determination in finding this person, she would have perished.

Officer James Palmeri received the "July 2005 Stop Stick Hit of the Month East Coast" Award. The Massachusetts State Police began a pursuit of a mentally deranged individual. The subject was driving a motor vehicle and running other motor vehicles off the road. The pursuit began in Fitchburg and ended in Erving. The first set of Stop Sticks did not work. As Officer Palmeri was attempting to set another set of Stop Sticks the subject swerved his vehicle attempting to hit him. Fortunately Officer Palmeri jumped out of way. The subject was arrested by the Massachusetts State Police after hitting three sets of Stop Sticks.

We investigated the first car bombing in Northfield. This incident happened in May 2005. The investigation resulted with a Warwick man being arrested. At present this individual is still incarcerated at the Franklin County House of Correction. This case has not yet gone to trial.

Presently we are investigating an arson that happened on December 23rd, 2005. There is currently a \$5,000.00 reward. If you or someone you know has any information please contact the Northfield Police Department.

Please check out our new website at www.townofnorthfield.ma.us/.

I want you to know that my door is always open. Please stop by if you have a problem or concern you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Chief Gary Sibilia

CRIME STATISTICS NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004/2005

	2005	2004	Missing/Runaway Pers.	14	5		
<u>SERVICE CALLS:</u>			Rape	1	1	<u>DEPARTMENT ARRESTS:</u>	
Alarms	151	145	Sexual Assault	2	2		2005 2004
Animals	57	80	Suicidal Person	14	7	Arrest - Adult	120 125
Assist Fire Dept	43	28	Suspicious Person	29	21	Arrest - Juvenile	18 25
Assist Medical	99	93	Vandalism	27	18		
Assist Other PD	137	157	Weapons/Shots Fired	10	6	<u>Type of Arrest:</u>	
Assist Persons	47	57	Miscellaneous	100	97	Assault & Battery	10 10
Found Property	30	47	Total	401	340	Assault & Battery on Police	3 1
General Service	427	488				A&B Dang. Weapon	12 14
911 Hang Ups	98	76	<u>MONEY COLLECTED:</u>			Breaking & Entering	7 12
Respond PVRs	49	52	Fines	29,835.00	35,900.00	CHINS Warrant	1 2
Respond NMH	7	6	Firearms Applications			Disorderly Conduct	5 7
Vacant House Checks	128 ⁵³⁰	125		5,800.00	6,115.00	Larceny	4 4
TRAID	14	11	Insurance Reports	245.00	205.00	OUI	19 18
Check Welfare	45	43	Administrative Fees			Possession of Drugs	21 22
Total	1,332	1,633		1273.00	621.60	Property Damage	2 4
			Total	\$37,153.00	\$43,041.60	Protective Custody	0 1
<u>POLICE INVESTIGATIONS</u>						Attempted Rape	1 1
Annoying/Harassing Calls	12	3	<u>MOTOR VEHICLES:</u>			Sexual Assault	2 1
Assault & Battery	14	25	Accidents	94	89	Receiving Stolen Proper	2 1
Attempted/Possible B&E	4	7	Disabled	76	33	Susp./Revoked License	22 23
Arson	2	0	Fatal	0	1	Trespassing	11 0
Bomb Threats	3	1	Leaving Scene	8	5	Restraining Order Violations	3 4
Breaking & Entering	16	14	Citations	957	1327	Warrant	11 10
Suspicious Letter	3	1	Warnings	685	800	Weapon Violations	0 1
			Neg. Oper	54	31	Other Arrests	10 14
<u>DISTURBANCES</u>			Suspicious	59	31		
Domestic	27	32	Stolen	3	2	<u>COURT:</u>	
Neighbor	8	4	Towed	153	161	Court Hours	328 396
Disorderly	21	14	Complaints	51	65	D.A. Office	35 26
Noise	26	15	Total	2,140	2,544	Investigations	89 100
Juvenile	30	28				Magistrate Hearings	396 386
			Ride-a-longs	6	4	Restraining Orders	14 17
<u>LARCENIES</u>			Vermont Yankee			Summonses	189 156
Property	24	27					
Bad Checks	14	18	Alarms	3	1		
			Training	9	1		

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Dickinson Memorial Library remained a busy, bustling bastion of community life in Northfield. In 2005 the library crossed major hurdles toward its goal of funding an elevator/accessibility project while simultaneously forging ahead with innovations designed to keep up with rapidly evolving communications technology. Staff, friends, and trustees are working to maintain an environment that welcomes all Northfield's citizens with old time style and a personal touch, while remaining devoted to expanding access to an ever-expanding web of knowledge and cultural enrichment.

The 21st century demands attention to both hardware and software needs. We saw the introduction of a fractional T-1 line for faster service at the circulation desk, new access to e-books and e-audio books available online for downloading to MP3 players and two new Dell computers were purchased. To keep the library's collection fresh and accessible circulation statistics were used to "weed" audio, video and book collections, new bookshelves were installed, and a weblog was added to the DML website to encourage interactive possibilities with patrons. With a generous donation from the Rustic Ridge Association a 2006 World Book Encyclopedia is now available.

This year Trustees developed two new lending policies to keep up with changing times. Budget constraints and recognition that Dickinson Memorial Library serves a large number of out of state patrons led to a need to begin charging New Hampshire residents and residents from non-certified MA towns for the privilege of using a system supported by local taxes. Another new policy specifically addresses the posting or distribution of non-library materials.

Despite the disappointing result on our application for a Community Development Block Grant last year, the Trustees and Town officials wasted no time launching the new effort to qualify for a Department of Housing and Community Development grant, successfully meeting the application deadline in November 2005. Selectmen appointed Trustees and key advisors to a Library Design Selection Committee which met from March through October, contracting and directing the completion of updated architectural design plans. A Special Town Meeting in November gave us the essential go ahead from townspeople to finance non-eligible aspects of the project, and now we wait for what we hope will be a positive determination on a grant to fund the majority of the cost.

A little piece of library history came home in 2005 with the return of a stone statue from the fireplace room. The missing statue was returned by an embarrassed Northfield Mt. Hermon student in February after residing for years in a dormitory on the Northfield campus, which closed this year. So that we conscientiously guard all our valuable items security issues were considered in detail as part of a *Preservation Survey* conducted in order to qualify for state preservation grant monies. We also learned a great deal more about atmospheric conditions in the library after a data logger report on internal conditions of temperature and humidity. A number of the recommendations coming from these two analyses will be included in our long range planning. A future preservation grant could be very helpful, especially to refurbish the Museum Room and pay for additional staff time to catalogue and copy historical materials.

Trustees are increasingly aware of and attempting to address rising fuel and electricity costs affecting our building. A new furnace is in place, and new window coverings proposed by the

Northfield Energy Committee will guarantee more efficient fuel usage and more even temperatures important to both the staff and the collections! Electrical wiring in the shed and lighting in the parking lot are now operative.

Meeting room use continued to grow. The room was used for numerous community meetings, including the Northfield Garden Club, Friends of the Schell Bridge, Boy Scouts, the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee, the Greater Northfield Watershed Association, and the Slate Roof Poets.

Our amazing staff was going strong all year. We were proud to see Librarian Deb Kern named one of the Western Mass representatives on the Executive Board of C/W MARS.

Along with weekly story hours, after-school programs, and class visits Penney Betsold organized the 2005 Adult Program Series which included talks on Pilates, Yoga and the Connecticut River, as well as beading and scrapbooking programs. In an effort to bring more teens to the library Penney hosted a Friday evening coffee house and a Saturday morning hair styling workshop. Family events included a Robotics demonstration, a summer carnival and an afternoon of music with Amandla Chorus.

Jane Lyle-Jaworski continued to create eye-catching, thought-provoking displays. This year's most popular display was the "Crime Scene," complete with yellow crime scene tape, drawing attention to the popular mystery and crime novel collection. Jane also continued to oversee the details of materials coming in from libraries across the state, as well as those special requests that come from libraries as far away as St. Louis, Moline and New Orleans.

Statistics about our material and patron's statistics are up-to-date and accurate due to Kelly Brassor's keen eye to detail. This summer we wished Hannah Balk well as she left for college and we welcomed long-time library patron Molly Chapin as our afternoon page (the person who puts all those books back on the shelves). Tracey Rogers continues to keep the library sparkling and the walkways safe.

A number of residents volunteered throughout the year; we thank each and every one of you. Your help was crucial to running the library. A special thanks to Deb Mayberry who arranged with World Eye Bookshop for Archer Mayor's visit, to Lisa McLoughlin for initiating our Teen Homework Help Center, and to the local businesses who supported our Summer Reading Program.

A summary of the year would not be complete without acknowledging the hard work and tireless support of the Friends of the Library and the Board of Library Trustees. The Friends provide for all of the programming, purchase the museum passes and keep the copier running. They advocate for the library on the local and state level. The many creative activities the Friends coordinated to raise money also encouraged people to use the library. The Trustees met every month, sometimes twice a month, and they continued to take their responsibilities seriously but always injected humor and a sense of fun into the business of running the library.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Tufts
Trustee and Secretary

Deb Kern
Director

Total number of Items checked out:	Number of Items Requested from Other Libraries:	Number of Items Sent to Other Libraries:	Attendance:
54049	6746	3326	24829
19% increase	19% increase	50% increase	2% increase
Number of Programs held:		Number of times the meeting room was used by community groups:	
144			
Number of Class Visits			
135		144	

SEWER COMMISSION

69 Main Street

Northfield, MA. 01360

413-498-5116

Sewer Commission Report for 2005

The Board of Sewer Commissioners set the user's rate at \$329.85 per unit for the fiscal year 2005. There were no new sewer hookups this year.

We upgraded the last of the Laboratory equipment during the past year. This makes testing both more accurate and efficient. We have run our new chlorine system for a full season and found it to exceed expectations for ease of use and accuracy. We have started to install new control equipment on various processes in the treatment plant that will allow us to run the plant more efficiently. Also during the year have contracted with Tighe and Bond Engineering to help us to change the way we bill our users. We are in the process of switching to billing from actual water consumption instead of Equivalent Dwelling Units which should be more equitable for the users. This should be completed in 2006.

Probably the biggest news of the 2005 was Northfield Mount Herman closing their Northfield Campus. It is still too early see what impact this will have on the Treatment Plant for the long term. In the short term we experienced reduced flows and solids loading.

The last big event of the year was the 10" of rain we received in October. This had a huge impact on the treatment plant with flows in excess of a half a million gallons a day for a number of days. We are happy to report that we did not violate permit during this time. In fact we were in compliance all year with the exception of a few minor pH variations in the winter months.

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the staff at the treatment plant for their hard work and dedication in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kaczinski - Chairman

Dan Gray

Raymond Zukowski

HIGHWAY

Starting with early spring, we swept roads of the sand from the previous winter. The street sweeper spent about 3 weeks in town with a total of 70 miles of road. This is not counting our dirt roads. The street drains were cleaned and inspected. There around 600 drains total which takes around two weeks to complete. The shoulders of the roads were cleaned, in preparation for black top. School Street, East Street and Glenn Road were resurfaced. A shim coat was placed on Highland Ave to hold road from breaking up any further. This is a temporary fix until further repair can be done to the sewer main. Alexander Hill Road, Lucky Clapp Road, Dickinson Road, West Road, River Road were all oil and stoned. A portion of Upper Old Wendell Road was also oil and stoned. There was also a large problem with the beavers. The problem occurred on the corner of East Street and School Street. After several days of filling for proper permits we were able to hire and remove beavers. We were also able to remove the beaver dam. Several of the dirt roads were graded and graveled. Our big project this year has been South Mountain Road. A total of 1500 feet of road was redone. We also removed trees and installed new drainage and piping with catch basins. A base coat of black top was installed for a temporary time during the winter. The final top coat and the final work will be completed this summer. Several small projects were installation of guard rail, culverts were changed and roads patched on the Ridge. After the micro burst there were several weeks of cleaning up trees and brush. Trees had to be cut and removed along with the brush being chipped. We were able to do some road side mowing with a rented mower. This was rented as it is able to reach areas the brush hog can not reach. This is also able to mulch up the brush, small trees and vines. After a couple of years of redoing there area's it will look neater and low growing grass will grow in. This also enables us to remove poison ivy and poison oak with out having crew handle it. In April of 2005 we took delivery of a new International dump Truck. This truck is also equipped with a wing plow and a sander that sands in front of the back wheels instead of behind them. This is a safety feature for plowing on the mountains in town.

I would like to extend my thanks to Rory Shippa, Bob Beaubien, Mike Sibley and Eric Vassor for their hard work and long hours it is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Kenny Trask for the 16 years of service to the Town of Northfield. I would also like to thank Matt Shippa who was hired for summer help.

Town Cemeteries

This year we have removed several limbs from trees. We also removed leaves and the lawns were maintained. The shrubs were trimmed and pruned back. Several lots were repaired, loamed and seeded from the winter months. Several new stones were installed, as well as several sales of lots. I would like to extend my thanks to Richard Bassett, Roger Bassett, Ed Bassett and to their help for always doing a job well done.

Trees

Several old dead trees had to be removed again this year. There were several hazardous limbs removed from trees which were overhanging on side streets. Trimming of trees and brush on the road sides and corners were completed for better vision and safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Walker, Superintendent of Streets, Cemetery Commissioner and Tree Warden.

Annual Report FY2006
NORTHFIELD COA AND SENIOR CENTER

The Council on Aging is a department of municipal government that strives to serve the senior population of Northfield, age 60 and over, or families with senior issues. It is overseen by a director appointed by the town and an advisory board comprised of a minimum of seven, voluntary members from the community who are appointed to three year terms. In September 2005, Suzanne Sweeney, of Northfield, was hired as director. The Council on Aging board has also welcomed two new board members, Eleanor Goodman and ZoanneZeininger, both of Northfield

The Council on Aging board and the director meet monthly to identify, evaluate and update senior programs and services in Northfield. They work in cooperation with the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging to provide services as mandated in the Older Americans Act of 1965, in addition to other state and federally legislated programs, and community based social events and activities.

We work with area agencies such as Franklin County Home Care Corporation, the Community Health Center of Franklin County, Franklin Community Action Corporation and FRTA who help us to provide transportation, services, information, referrals, programs and assistance to seniors, or families with senior issues.

Services include but are not limited to:

Information, education and referral regarding healthcare, insurance, fuel assistance, legal and financial management, transportation, outreach, congregate and home delivery of meals, podiatry, blood pressure screenings, health clinics, and group social activities and outings.

For more information on specific services or contact information please call or go to the website at <http://www.northfield.ma.us> under town departments you will find senior center , calendars of events or under the committees/board/ COA you will find links to helpful services and resources for elders in our area.

The primary goal of the COA for the FY06-07 has been outreach.

Figures from the 2005 town census report Northfield has 641 people over the age of 60, and another 570 that are in the 50-59 year old category. Combined, these two age groups together equal over one third of Northfield's total population.

Current program participation and outreach tracking shows that more needs to be done to seek out and creatively offer services to meet the needs of this growing and changing social segment of our population. Outreach strategies currently include media through press, cable, a new town website, home visits, cards sent and educational and informational presentation and services offered at the Senior Center. Innovative programming, such as the Senior Computer Class taught at PVRs, combining local venues, skilled facilitators and volunteers promote cross participation in programming, community education and service.

To that end, the major thrust for this outreach initiative will be the Council on Aging Outreach Summit on May 22, 2006. A gathering of local resources, organizations, facilitators, and interested parties coming together to assess what resources we have among us to promote greater participation through cross programming, and help in identifying needs of service and interests

within the community. There is an obvious and sincere exchange on the part of the community, Senior Center participants, selectmen, volunteers and town organizations to support our growing 60+ population of Northfield. It is sincerely appreciated and greatly felt.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Sweeney
Director

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Amount to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 6,009,930.98
Cherry Sheet Offsets	4,398.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	4,465.00
Overlay	38,376.21

Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 6,057,170.19
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Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Est. Rec. State	\$ 541,824.00
Est. Rec. Local	684,025.00
Rev. Appropriated Specific	49,400.00
Rev. to Reduce Tax Rate	288,340.00

Total Receipts & Revenue	\$ 1,563,589.00
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Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 4,493,581.19
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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

CLASS	VALUATION	LEVY
Residential	246,987,604	3,178,730.46
Commercial	13,934,277	179,334.14
Industrial	50,083,327	644,572.42
Personal Property	38,146,400	490,944.17
TOTAL	349,151,609	4,493,581.19

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2006: \$12.87 (per thousand of value)

The Assessors wish to thank Linwood Wallace for 10 years of service to the Town of Northfield. He first held the position of Assessor, then as Property Inspector. In July 2005, Jacquelyn Boyden was appointed Property Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene L'Etoile, Chairman
Carol Holden, Clerk

Doris Balk

Ronald Wickey

BOARD OF HEALTH
2005 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Board of Health had a busy year, particularly with regard to the Transfer Station, where we continue to work at facilitating the collection of recyclables and trash, while at the same time trying to meet State guidelines, economic constraints and residents' needs.

Once again, the Town's participation in the MRIP (Municipal Recycling Incentive Program) has generated money for the Transfer Station/Recycling needs. We continue to provide free recycling bins, and the Town participated in several special collections for bulky waste, household hazardous waste and electronics. The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) continues to provide money for signs, supplies and bins through an MRF mini-grant. Nathan L'Etoile continues to represent Northfield on the District Board.

That year, with the help of the FCSWMD, the Town was awarded a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to implement a Pay-As-You-Throw solid waste program. Following several meetings, hearing citizens' concerns about the program, and recycling and composting workshops held by FCSWMD, the program went into effect on October 1, 2005. During the three months of 2005, free bags were distributed to 700 households, 180 packages were sold at the Town Hall, and 1000 packages were sold by the three vendors: Mim's Market, Northfield Food Mart, and the Mobil Station.

Several changes have taken place at the Transfer Station. Kenny Trask retired in June, after many years as Transfer Station Attendant, for which the Board is very grateful. He was replaced by Greg Kingsbury and Phil Foster. Greg has since left, but not before he worked diligently with Kathie Bridges to kick-off the Pay-As-You-Throw program, a daunting task for which the Board is also very grateful. The days and hours of operation have also changed to Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also a new shed was received from an anonymous donor to provide more protection for the attendant. Plans are also in place to reopen the Reuse Shed using volunteer workers.

In 2005, the Board issued 1057 transfer station stickers, 22 disposal works construction permits, 13 septic installers permits, 7 septic haulers permits, 4 septic tank permits, 11 food permits, 3 massage therapy permits, 5 camp permits, 2 pool permits, and 1 bed & breakfast permit.

The Board continues to work with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Public Safety on issues such as bioterrorism, and the Board received regular notices regarding public health issues via the Mass Alert Network. The Town continues to collect mercury fever thermometers in exchange for non-mercury digital thermometers through FCSWMD, and the Board of Health Office collects and distributes sharps containers for area residents.

Dave Zarozinski and Deb Palmer, the Health Agents for Northfield, continue to provide services to the Town, primarily through inspections of food establishments, camps and pools. They also assist the Board in following up on public health complaints.

Gary Sibilio continues to serve as Animal Inspector.

Following several years as Chairperson of the Board of Health, Kathie Bridges resigned in 2005, a tremendous loss to the Board, as her expertise was invaluable. The Board is very grateful for all she did during her years of service.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The value of property built, renovated or remodeled during 2005 was \$ 4,395,043. The fees collected amounted to \$ 21,406.00 representing 138 permits. There were eleven (11) permits issued for Single Family Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hawkins, Building Inspector

TREASURERS REPORT

7/1/04 - 6/30/05

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance 7/1/05	18970.42	
Deposits in transit	13101.48	
Outstanding Checks	47019.07	
Balance per checkbook		-14947.17

GENERAL INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	13777.78
State Street Bank & Trust	152002.86
UniBank	438978.12
Greenfield Co-operative	376955.12
Bank of Western Mass.	51825.00
UniBank (taxes)	26466.84

INTEREST EARNED - GENERAL

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	965.48
State Street Bank & Trust	850.88
UniBank	3651.27
UniBank (taxes)	149.79
Greenfield Co-operative (sweep)	5486.78
Bank of Western Mass.	595.94

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance 7/1/04	210753.64	
Interest earned	1864.64	
Transfer to General	141500.00	
Balance 6/30/04		71118.28

STABILIZATION INVESTMENT

Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	71118.28
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ARTS COUNCIL

Balance 7/1/04	1351.62
Receipts	2000.00

Interest earned	13.98	
Payments per warrant	729.26	
Balance 6/30/04		2636.34

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		2636.34
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AERIAL LADDER

Balance 7/1/04	66.93	
Interest earned	0.54	
Balance 6/30/04		67.47

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		67.47
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance 7/1/04	22760.39	
Receipts	13562.50	
Interest Earned	55.76	
Payments per warrant	14718.62	
Balance 6/30/04		21660.03

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement	21810.03	
Outstanding checks	150.00	
Deposit in transit	0.00	
Balance per checkbook		21660.03

TRUST FUNDS	Balance	Interest	Int.toTreas	Deposits	Withdraw.	Balance
LIBRARY						6/30/2005
C.Ina Merriman	1726.10	29.06				1755.16
Belcher Funds	14455.75	242.09			1261.62	13436.22
Chas. Dickinson	4348.15	72.54			672.69	3748.00
Maude Montague	3095.26	52.08				3147.34
Marina Stanley	584.57	9.83				594.40
Richard G. Holton	686.03	11.54				697.57
Nfld. Chap. DAR	158.03	2.66				160.69
Ethel Jackson	259.18	4.37				263.55
Paul Bowman	82660.04	1298.22			1174.01	82784.25
Giles Mem. Fund	2728.31	45.91				2774.22
McGowan Mem. Fund	8724.44	146.86				8871.30
Dickinson Lib.Build.	4404.57	74.14				4478.71
Pauline Wicke	17.13	0.31				17.44
Lawrence Trust	5021.34	84.53				5105.87

CHARITY

Starkweather	46436.57	781.57		47218.14
George Morgan	15630.97	263.09		15894.06
Elisha Alexander	14282.09	240.39		14522.48
Lottie Evans	8105.85	136.42		8242.27
Roselle Evans	3273.28	55.10		3328.38
SCHOOL				
Belcher Center	3226.02	54.33		3280.35
Surplus Rev. Fund	2554.37	42.99		2597.36
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS				
Willis K. Parker	1315.16	22.12		1337.28
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET				
Ethel Jackson	1917.22	32.28		1949.50
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND				
Gfid Savings	56441.16	881.03		57322.19
Gfid Co-operative	2301.56	6.40	636.05	500.00 2444.01
Gfid Co-operative	36311.29		636.05	36311.29
CEMETERIES				
Center	25734.42	394.20		4715.00 21413.62
West Nfld.	13844.74	237.36 (Cowan)	250.00	
		(Moor)	125.00	14457.10
Pentecost	7831.75	141.97 (Lippack)	375.00	
		(Rogers)	250.00	
		(Barrett)	250.00	8848.72
Nfld. Farms	11090.14	181.92 (Ewell)	125.00	840.00 10557.06
Mt. Hermon	9453.78	156.09 (Peller)	375.00	670.00 9314.87
So. Mountain	154.65	2.60		157.25
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE				
UniBank	877.53	14.77		892.30

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor

Treasurer

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

REAL ESTATE

2006 Collected 549.00

2005 Balance 7/1/04 -480.00

Committed 4104150.15

Refunds 8434.19

Collected 3981561.07

Abated 26285.13

Tax Title 6216.52

	Uncollected		98041.62
2005 Pro Rata Comitted		10388.83	
	Collected		3120.90
	Uncollected		7267.93
2004 Balance 7/1/04		114332.58	
Refunds		1426.90	
	Collected		77224.16
	Abated		2112.90
	Tax Title		2795.89
	Uncollected		33626.53
2004 Pro Rata	Balance	11083.28	
Refunds		108.11	
	Collected		11064.89
	Abated		126.50
2003 Balance 7/1/04		23091.93	
	Collected		16707.46
	Tax Title		2411.13
	Uncollected		3973.34
2002 Balance 7/1/04		8546.77	
Refunds		1084.78	
	Collected		7829.84
	Tax Title		1855.91
	Uncollected		-54.20
2001 Balance 7/1/04		547.44	
	Collected		547.44
PERSONAL PROPERTY			
2005 Committed		168992.55	
Refund		11.98	
	Collected		168001.25
	Uncollected		1003.28
2004 Balance 7/1/04		1171.77	
Refund		228.94	
	Abated		228.94
	Collected		533.80
	Uncollected		637.97
2003 Balance 7/1/04		347.69	
	Collected		9.36
	Uncollected		338.33
2002 Balance 7/1/04		530.47	
	Uncollected		530.47

2001 Balance 7/1/04	173.72	
Collected		1.00
Uncollected		172.72
2000 Balance 7/1/04	194.28	
Uncollected		194.28
1999 Balance 7/1/04	139.82	
Uncollected		139.82
1998 Balance 7/1/04	79.39	
Uncollected		79.39
1997 Balance 7/1/04	70.20	
Uncollected		70.20
1996 Balance 7/1/04	76.52	
Collected		8.33
Uncollected		68.19
CHAP. 61 WITHDRAWAL		
2005 Committed	1099.98	
Collected		1099.98
FARM ANIMAL		
2004 Comitted	2253.39	
Collected		1700.86
Uncollected		552.53
2003 Balance 7/1/04	70.00	
Collected		70.00
2002 Balance 7/1/04	66.43	
Uncollected		66.43
2001 Balance 7/1/04	28.66	
Uncollected		28.66
2000 Balance 7/1/04	10.17	
Uncollected		10.07
1999 Balance 7/1/04	56.44	
Uncollected		56.44
1998 Balance 7/1/04	27.08	
Uncollected		27.08
1997 Balance 7/1/04	264.99	
Uncollected		264.99

MOTOR VEHICLE

2005 Committed	291233.78	
Refunds	2396.75	
Collected		255202.60
Abated		5731.02
Uncollected		32696.91
2004 Balance 7/1/04	19229.40	
Committed	71078.66	
Refunds	4829.65	
Collected		80694.20
Abated		5277.27
Uncollected		9166.24
2003 Balance 7/1/04	4408.12	
Committed	718.45	
Refunds	422.70	
Collected		2667.97
Abated		493.95
Uncollected		2387.35
2002 Balance 7/1/04	1350.33	
Collected		419.17
Uncollected		931.16
2001 Balance 7/1/04	1378.95	
Collected		565.00
Uncollected		813.95
2000 Balance 7/1/04	1361.51	
Collected		61.67
Uncollected		1299.84
1999 Balance 7/1/04	579.53	
Uncollected		579.53
1998 Balance 7/1/04	1071.66	
Collected		57.08
Uncollected		1014.58
1997 Balance 7/1/04	1236.49	
Uncollected		1236.49
1996 Balance 7/1/04	831.55	
Uncollected		831.55
1995 Balance 7/1/04	968.55	
Collected		332.50
Uncollected		636.05

1994 Balance 7/1/04	309.56	
Collected		6.25
Uncollected		303.31
1993 Balance 7/1/04	553.86	
Uncollected		553.86
1992 Balance 7/1/04	527.58	
Comitted	127.50	
Collected		127.50
Uncollected		527.58
1991 Balance 7/1/04	534.58	
Comitted	190.00	
Collected		190.00
Uncollected		534.58
1990 Balance 7/1/04	814.53	
Comitted	53.13	
Collected		53.13
Uncollected		814.53
1989 Balance 7/1/04	834.96	
Uncollected		834.96
SEWER USE		
2005 Collected		839.59
2004 Balance 7/1/04	-3904.94	
Comitted	183463.11	
Refund	242.45	
Collected		157330.94
Abated		471.51
Rescinded		15308.35
Uncollected		6689.82
2003 Balance 7/1/04	4191.13	
Comitted interest	516.38	
Collected		3562.46
Tax Title		572.53
Uncollected		572.52
2002 Balance 7/1/04	1365.66	
Refund	281.50	
Collected		491.41
Tax Title		682.84
Uncollected		472.91
2001 Balance 7/1/04	913.33	

Tax Title	608.89
Collected	304.44
2000 Balance 7/1/04	193.80
Collected	193.80

Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara J. Brasseur
 Tax Collector

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,045,259	24,363	0	0	459,041	0	1,528,663
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	145,541	0	0	0	0	0	145,541
Excise Taxes	56,238	0	0	0	0	0	56,238
Tax Liens	42,494	0	0	0	0	0	42,494
User Charges	6,895	0	0	0	0	0	6,895
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	-26,400	0	0	0	0	0	-26,400
Prepaid Expenses	312						312
Due From Other Funds	35,320	0	0	0	0	0	35,320
Due from Other Governments	136	847,759	0	0	0	0	847,895
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	0	0		0	0	1,311,702	1,311,702
Total Assets	1,305,795	872,122	0	0	459,041	1,311,702	3,948,660
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Warrants, Payrolls, & Accounts Payable	179,131	17,984		0		0	197,115
Employee Withholdings	3,655	0	0	0	0	0	3,655
Due to Others	8,960	40	0	0	0	0	9,000
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	119,141	0	0	0	0	0	119,141
Other	105,627	847,759	0	0	0	0	953,386
Due to Other Funds	0	35,213	0	0	107	0	35,320
Bond Indebtedness	0	0	0	0	0	1,311,702	1,311,702
Total Liabilities	416,514	900,996	0	0	107	1,311,702	2,629,319
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	234,809	0	0	0	0	0	234,809
Reserved for Debt Exclusion Ammortization	20,270						20,270
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust	0	0	0	0	186,836	0	186,836
Principal							
Unreserved:							
Designated for Subsequent Years'	240,000	3,500	0	0		0	243,500
Expenditures							
Undesignated	394,202	-32,374	0	0	272,098	0	633,926
Total Fund Equity	889,281	-28,874	0	0	458,934	0	1,319,341
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,305,795	872,122	0	0	459,041	1,311,702	3,948,660

Accountant's Report
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

GENERAL
FUND

ASSETS				LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Cash & Investments				Warrants Payable		62,518	
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking	(14,947)			Accounts Payable		100,903	
Tax Collector Checking	200			Accrued Payrolls Payable		15,710	
Gfld Co-op Bank- Sweep Acct.	376,955			Fees Payable		1,129	
Bank of Western Mass	51,825			Payroll		3,655	
				Withholdings			
MMDT-Combined Investment	13,778			Other Liabilities			
State St- Oth S/T Inv	152,003			Unclaimed	3,890		
				Checks			
Unibank Tax Receipt Acct	26,467			Bid	3,941	7,831	
				Bonds			
Unibank Investment Acct.	438,978	1,045,259		Deferred Revenue			
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds	35,320	35,320		Property Taxes 2002	(54)		
Accounts Receivable				Property Taxes 2003	(3,294)		
Personal Property Taxes				Property Taxes 2004	22,920		
Prior	1,255			Property Taxes 2005	92,850		
years							
2003	338			Property Taxes 2006	(549)		
2004	638			Tax Liens	42,494		
2005	1,003	3,234		Special Assessments	7,268		
Real Estate Taxes				Motor Vehicle Excise	55,162		
2002	(54)			Other Excise	1,076		
2003	3,973			Sewer	5,850		
				Use			
2004	33,627			Sewer Liens	1,045	224,768	
2005	98,042			Fund			
				Balance			
2006	(549)	135,039		Res-Debt Excl Ammort	20,270		
Allowance for Abate & Exempt				Res-Continuing Approps	234,809		
Prior	(552)			Res-	240,000		
years				Expenditures			
2001	(173)			Unreserved	394,202	889,281	
2002	(530)						
2003	(7,605)						
2004	(11,345)						
2005	(6,195)	(26,400)	111,873				
Tax Liens		42,494	42,494				
Ch59 Sec2D Spec Assmnt		7,268					
Motor Vehicle Excise		55,162					
Farm Animal Excise		1,076	63,506				
Sewer Use	2004	6,690					
	2005	(840)					
Sewer Liens		1,045	6,895				
Other Assets							
Prepaid Expenses			312				
Due from Other Towns			136				
			1,305,795			1,305,795	
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS

Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(146,589)
Due from Comm of Mass	847,759

701,170

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	0
Deferred Revenue	847,759

Fund Bal-Ch53A	2,758
Fund Bal-Ch53B/150	(116,095)
Fund Bal-Ch235	(33,252)

701,170

TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS

Arts Council Savings	2,636
Cash-due from Genl Fund	21,005

23,641

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable	15,314
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Fund Balances

Arts Council	2,802
Police Mobiliz	104
Det	
Cmtty Policing	8,819
Police Reg Stdy	1,000
DARE	181
Emer Mgmt EOP	(12,280)
Main St.	(6,291)
Revitaliz	
COA	1,162
Library	7,159
LIG/MEG	
Title V Septic	5,631
Bd of Hlth-MAPHCO	40

8,327

23,641

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	70,782
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70,782

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balances

Sale of Real Estate	5,569
Sale Low Value Land	98
Sale of Cem Lots	58,834
Dog Fund	6,281

70,782

REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

ASSETS

Recreation Checking	21,660
Ladder Fund Savings	67
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	19,589

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv	40
Warrants & Accounts Payable	2,670

Fund Balances

Rec Revolv	11,861	
Ladder Gifts	67	
Police Gifts	22	
Drug Forfeiture	8	
Town Website	2,500	
Historical Comm	57	
Gifts		
Maint Cem	436	
Markers		
Library Gifts	1,996	
Misc. Donations	16	
EMT	220	
Gifts		
COA	5,119	
Gifts		
COA Exercise	803	
Prog		
Vt Yankee	58	
Training		
Vt Yankee Civil	1,000	
Def		
Vt Yankee Emer	4,588	
Mgmt		
Cons Comm	7,392	
Wetlands		
Map Framing	105	
Gifts		
Veterans	2,358	38,606
Memorial		

41,316

41,316

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

M Alexander-Checking	14,982
M Alexander-CDs	81,096
P. Bowman-Invest.	82,784
Acct	
Trust Funds- Invest.	209,061
Acct	
Cash-Due from Genl	(107)
Fund	
	387,816

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accrued Payrolls Payable		0
Fund Balances- Non Expendable		
PC Center Cem	15,638	
Belcher Cem	2,000	
J Cowles Cem	2,000	
C Stearns Cem	500	
F Lane Cem	202	
PC West Nfld	6,677	
Cem		
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292	
L Holton Cem	101	

PC Nlfd Farms	10,227	
PC Mt Hermon	6,100	
Cem		
M Callander	500	
Cem		
PC Pentecost	8,725	
Cem		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100	
Bowman Library	78,193	
Belcher Library	9,739	
C Dickinson	3,000	
Library		
M Montague	2,010	
Library		
DAR Book Fund	100	
Holton Library	500	
McGowan	8,182	
Library		
Charity- Various	21,450	
Surplus Rev-	1,600	
School		
Belcher Ctr.	2,000	186,836
School		

Fund Balances-Expendable

PC Center Cem	584	
PC West Nfld	18	
Cem		
PC Nlfd Farms	195	
PC Mt Hermon	2,991	
Cem		
PC Pentecost	124	
Cem		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	57	
Bowman Library	3,702	
Belcher Library	3,697	
C Dickinson	808	
Library		
M Montague	1,344	
Library		
DAR Book Fund	183	
Holton Library	254	
Merriman	1,513	
Library		
E Jackson	264	
Library		
M Stanley	595	
Library		
R Giles Library	2,774	
McGowan	689	
Library		
Library Bldg	4,479	
Fund		
C&P Lawrence	5,106	
Libry		
P Wicke Library	17	
M Alexander	88,828	
Charity		
L Evans Charity	7,242	
G Morgan	12,894	

Charity		
R Evans Charity	2,828	
M Starkweather	39,218	
Char		
E Alexander	12,522	
Charity		
Surplus Rev-	997	
School		
Belcher Ctr.	2,878	
School		
E Jackson- Town	1,950	
W Parker-Mnt	1,337	
Mrkrs		
Tercentenary	892	200,980
Comm		

387,816

387,816

STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS

MMDT Investment	71,118
Acct	

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance-Res for	0
Expenditure	
Fund Balance-Undesignated	71,118

71,118

71,118

AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash-Due from General Fund	0
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0

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Police Outside Detail Payable	0
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0

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS

Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	1,311,702
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1,311,702

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Bonds-Issued 7/92 School	850,000	
Bonds-Issued 7/92 Sewer	100,000	
Bonds-Issued 7/93 Sewer	361,702	1,311,702

COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL ACCOUNT TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Total (Memorandum)
Revenues					
Taxes	4,644,928	0	0	0	4,644,928
Charges for Services	215,036	13,562	0	0	228,598
Licenses & Permits	54,737	3,995	0	0	58,732
Fines & Forfeitures	38,744	0	0	0	38,744
Other Deptmtal Revenue	0	3,543	0	0	3,543
Revenue from the State	530,574	140,826	0	0	671,400
Other Intergovmtal Revenue	0	549	0	0	549
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,191	10,006	0	0	13,197
Interest on Investments	12,455	70	0	8,220	20,745
Contributions & Donations	0	11,389	0	1,750	13,139
Total Revenues	5,499,665	183,940	0	9,970	5,693,575
Expenditures					
General Government	311,725	0	0	0	311,725
Public Safety	322,972	67,165	0	0	390,137
Education	3,386,028	0	0	0	3,386,028
Public Works & Facilities	757,219	241,838	0	6,645	1,005,702
Health & Human Services	35,627	5,726	0	800	42,153
Culture & Recreation	120,670	31,768	0	2,969	155,407
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Principal	220,861	0	0	0	220,861
Debt Interest	85,020	0	0	0	85,020
Temporary Loan Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovmtal Assessments	33,216	0	0	0	33,216
Insurance & Empl Benefits	324,449	0	0	0	324,449
Total Expenditures	5,597,787	346,497	0	10,414	5,954,698
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(98,122)	(162,557)	0	(444)	(261,123)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds	153,278	0	0	0	153,278
Transfers to other Funds	0	(4,375)	0	(141,500)	(145,875)
Proceeds from Bond Issue	0	0	0	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	153,278	(4,375)	0	(141,500)	7,403
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	55,156	(166,932)	0	(141,944)	(253,720)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	834,125	138,058	0	600,878	1,573,061
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	889,281	(28,874)	0	458,934	1,319,341

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Ch 90 Hwy Imprvmnt	Main St Revitaliz	State aid to Library	Library Pres.Study	Cultural Council	Elderly Programs
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmtal Revenue						
Revenue from the State	81,858	0	4,108	2,500	2,000	2,800
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue					14	
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	81,858	0	4,108	2,500	2,014	2,800
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety						
Education						
Public Works & Facilities	225,397	6,291				
Health & Human Services						3,111
Culture & Recreation			2,476	2,500	762	
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	225,397	6,291	2,476	2,500	762	3,111
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(143,539)	(6,291)	1,632	0	1,252	(311)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(143,539)	(6,291)	1,632	0	1,252	(311)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	(3,050)	0	5,527	0	1,550	1,473
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	(146,589)	(6,291)	7,159	0	2,802	1,162

	Title V Septic	BOH MAPHCO	Emergency Management	Pol Regliz Study	DARE Grants	Cte Crim Justice
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmtal Revenue						
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue		549				
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	0	549	0	0	0	0
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety			12,280		300	91
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services		1,145				
Culture & Recreation						
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	0	1,145	12,280	0	300	91
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	(596)	(12,280)	0	(300)	(91)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	(596)	(12,280)	0	(300)	(91)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	5,631	637	0	1,000	481	91
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	5,631	41	(12,280)	1,000	181	0

	Police Mobiliz	Community Policing	Police Vest Reimb	Dog Fund	Sale of R.E.	Sale of Cem Lots
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits				3,995		
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						2,950
Revenue from the State	7,541	40,019				
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	7,541	40,019	0	3,995	0	2,950
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety	7,559	35,182	70			
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation						
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	7,559	35,182	70	0	0	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(18)	4,837	(70)	3,995	0	2,950
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds				(4,375)		
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)		0	0	(4,375)	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(18)	4,837	(70)	(380)	0	2,950
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	122	3,982	70	6,660	5,569	55,884
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	104	8,819	0	6,280	5,569	58,834

	Sale Low Val Land	Rec Revolving	Conserv Comm Fees	Map Frame & Misc Gifts	Insurance Stlmnt	Website Donations
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services		13,562				
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmtal Revenue			593			
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue					10,006	
Interest on Investments		56				
Contributions & Donations						2,500
Total Revenues	0	13,618	593	0	10,006	2,500
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety						
Education						
Public Works & Facilities					10,006	
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation		24,038				
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	0	24,038	0	0	10,006	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	(10,420)	593	0	0	2,500
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	(10,420)	593	0	0	2,500
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	98	22,281	6,799	121	0	0
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	98	11,861	7,392	121	0	2,500

	Pol Dpt Gifts	Ladder Fnd Donations	C.O.A. Gifts	C.O.A. Exer Prog	Vt Yankee Training	Library Gifts
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmtal Revenue						
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations			1,121	903		815
Total Revenues	0	0	1,121	903	0	815
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety						
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services			1,370	100		
Culture & Recreation						564
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	0	0	1,370	100	0	564
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	(249)	803	0	251
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0	(249)	803	0	251
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	22	67	5,368	0	58	1,745
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	22	67	5,119	803	58	1,996

	Childrens Book Fund	Veterans Memorial	Historic Comm Gift	Drug Forfeiture	Vt Yankee Civil Defense	Vt Yankee Emer Mgmt
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmtal Revenue						
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations	0	0			1,000	5,000
Total Revenues	0	0	0	0	1,000	5,000
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety					1,000	3,183
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation	1,080	348				
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	1,080	348	0	0	1,000	3,183
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,080)	(348)	0	0	0	1,817
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(1,080)	(348)	0	0	0	1,817
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	1,080	2,706	57	8	1,000	2,771
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	0	2,358	57	8	1,000	4,588

	NMH Emerg Serv Gift	EMT Gifts	Gft Maint Cem Mrkrs	Grand Total Special Revenue
Revenues				
Taxes				0
Charges for Services				13,562
Licenses & Permits				3,995
Fines & Forfeitures				0
Other Deptmtal Revenue				3,543
Revenue from the State				140,826
Other Intergovmtal Revenue				549
Miscellaneous Revenue				10,006
Interest on Investments				70
Contributions & Donations	0	50		11,389
Total Revenues	0	50	0	183,940
Expenditures				
General Government				0
Public Safety	7,500			67,165
Education				0
Public Works & Facilities			144	241,838
Health & Human Services				5,726
Culture & Recreation				31,768
Capital Outlay				0
Debt Principal				0
Debt Interest				0
Temporary Loan Interest				0
Intergovmtal Assessments				0
Insurance & Empl Benefits				0
Total Expenditures	7,500	0	144	346,497
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(7,500)	50	(144)	(162,557)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers from other Funds				0
Transfers to other Funds				(4,375)
Proceeds from Bond Issue				0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	(4,375)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(7,500)	50	(144)	(166,932)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	7,500	170	580	138,058
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	0	220	436	(28,874)

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Cemetery P C Funds	Library Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Stabiliz Fund	Grand Total Trust Funds
Revenues					
Taxes					0
Charges for Services					0
Licenses & Permits					0
Fines & Forfeitures					0
Other Deptmtal Revenue					0
Revenue from the State					0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					0
Miscellaneous Revenue					0
Interest on Investments	1,114	2,074	3,167	1,865	8,220
Contributions & Donations	1,750				1,750
Total Revenues	2,864	2,074	3,167	1,865	9,970
Expenditures					
General Government					0
Public Safety					0
Education					0
Public Works & Facilities	6,645				6,645
Health & Human Services			800		800
Culture & Recreation		2,969			2,969
Capital Outlay					0
Debt Principal					0
Debt Interest					0
Temporary Loan Interest					0
Intergovmtal Assessments					0
Insurance & Empl Benefits					0
Total Expenditures	6,645	2,969	800	0	10,414
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,781)	(895)	2,367	1,865	(444)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds					0
Transfers to other Funds				(141,500)	(141,500)
Proceeds from Bond Issue					0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	(141,500)	(141,500)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(3,781)	(895)	2,367	(139,635)	(141,944)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	67,813	128,042	194,270	210,753	600,878
Fund Balance June 30, 2005	64,032	127,147	196,637	71,118	458,934

DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND

July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

Taxes

Personal Property Taxes	168,313	
Real Estate Taxes	4,073,452	
Tax Liens Redeemed	16,686	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	2,280	
Ch 59, Sec2D- Prorata Taxes	14,078	
Motor Vehicle Excise	332,728	
Farm Animal Excise	1,701	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	0	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	18,366	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	2,658	
Penalty & Int, Tax Liens	14,150	
Penalty & Int, Sewer Use Tax	216	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	300	4,644,928

Charges for Services

Sewer Use	162,200	
Sewer Dumping Fees	0	
Sewer Permanent Priviledge	0	
Transfer Station	25,696	
Use of Copy Machine	516	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	293	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps, Mail	1,349	
Accident Reports	210	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	3,223	
Building Inspection Fees	780	
Fire Department Inspections	1,040	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	577	
Board of Appeals Fees	240	
Conservation Commission Fees	0	
Planning Board Fees	585	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	146	
Assessors Filing Fees	6	
Town Hall Rent	175	
Cell Tower Lease	18,000	215,036

Licenses & Permits

Alcoholic Bev Licenses	1,465	
Other Licenses	1,190	
Other Misc Permits	560	
F.I.D. & Pistol Permits	2,138	
Building Permits	31,977	
Wiring Permits	5,555	
Gas Permits	2,034	
Plumbing Permits	3,462	
Disposal & Septic Permits	5,031	
Other Bd of Health Permits	1,325	54,737
Fines & Forfeitures		
Court Fines	2,158	
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	32,012	
Non-criminal Dispositions	0	
Library Fines	2,779	
Dog Fines	1,745	
False Alarms	0	

By-law Violation Fines	50	38,744	
State Revenue			
Expanded Polling Hours	286		
Municipal Relief Aid	28,020		
State Owned Land	19,426		
Abatelements- Veterans, Blind, Elderly	16,870		
School Construction Aid	188,865		
Police Career Incentive	4,474		
Lottery, Beano & Charity	259,157		
Emergency Management Aid	10,870		
Sewer Rate Relief	2,606	530,574	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
FCRHA-EOCD Hsg Rehab Loan Repmts	0		
Other Misc Revenue	3,191		
Interest on Investments	12,455	15,646	
TOTAL REVENUES			5,499,665
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from Other Special Revenue	11,778		
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	141,500		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			153,278
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			5,652,943

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

	ORIGINAL	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE	BALANCE
	BUDGET			TO CLOSE	TO FY 06
MODERATOR SALARY	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	80.00		65.00	15.00	0.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	4884.00		4884.00	0.00	0.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	43635.00	837.30	44472.30	0.00	0.00
SECRETARY WAGES	28215.00		27885.18	329.82	0.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	10931.00		6896.41	4034.59	0.00
ADMIN ASST EXPENSE	820.00		400.93	419.07	0.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENSE	1300.00		1249.30	50.70	0.00
RESERVE FUND	10000.00	-8060.54	0.00	1939.46	0.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	19925.00		19924.92	0.08	0.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00		215.71	119.29	0.00
ACCOUNTANT FIXED ASSETS	1500.00		0.00	0.00	1500.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	4484.00		4484.00	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS CLERK SALARY	27709.00		27708.96	0.04	0.00
ASSESSORS' PROPERTY INSPECTOR	5288.00	78.98	5366.98	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	10870.00	-219.58	10022.98	627.44	0.00
PRESERVE ASSESS RECORDS	2072.00		0.00	0.00	2072.00
ASSESSORS DIGITAL MAPS	849.00		0.00	0.00	849.00
APPRAISAL NFLD MTN PROJ	4159.00	140.60	4299.60	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS PALM CMPTR/CAMERA	2407.01		2400.00	7.01	0.00
ASSESSORS REVALUATION	3000.00		2800.00	0.00	200.00
ASSESSORS INTERIM REVALUATION	5000.00		2450.00	0.00	2550.00
TREASURER SALARY	9115.00		9114.96	0.04	0.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	3000.00		2988.16	11.84	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	9115.00		9114.96	0.04	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE	5000.00		4149.58	850.42	0.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	15000.00		8061.07	6938.93	0.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SERVICE	7415.00		7338.61	76.39	0.00
COMPUTERS 5/98	723.06		0.00	0.00	723.06
COMPUTERS 5/03	1379.02		0.00	0.00	1379.02
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	2300.00		200.16	2099.84	0.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/SERVICE	2300.00		256.37	2043.63	0.00
TOWN HALL COPIER	6500.00		4980.00	1520.00	0.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	20717.00		20716.80	0.20	0.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	3270.00	-800.00	2197.38	272.62	0.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	5175.00	800.00	5944.34	30.66	0.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	1720.00		1055.94	664.06	0.00
PLANNING BOARD	1016.00		1016.00	0.00	0.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	2869.00		2795.14	73.86	0.00
UPDATE ZONING MAPS	2500.00		2445.00	55.00	0.00
LAND DAMAGES	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
MASS A.P.R. PROGRAM	15000.00		0.00	0.00	15000.00
CLARIFY BYLAWS	1066.41		15.58	0.00	1050.83
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	10915.00		6007.62	4907.38	0.00
BLDG MAINT PERSON	31465.00	-3181.93	28283.07	0.00	0.00
BLDG MAINT PERSON EXPENSE	1700.00		1628.24	71.76	0.00
CUSTODIAN EXPENSE	100.00		0.00	100.00	0.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	23800.00		22243.45	1556.55	0.00
TOWN HALL SEAL WALL	4800.00		0.00	0.00	4800.00
TOWN HALL ROOF STM 6/97 & ATM 5/99	10000.00		74.71	0.00	9925.29
BLDG MAINT WORKSHOP	606.12		0.00	0.00	606.12
T HALL RENOVATIONS	5000.00	3500.00	5461.11	0.00	3038.89
TOWN REPORTS	3000.00		110.84	2889.16	0.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00		0.00	150.00	0.00
POLICE WAGES & SALARIES	170288.00	3186.87	173474.87	0.00	0.00
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	22150.00		22102.94	47.06	0.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	4283.00		4283.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT WAGES	31273.00	-3500.00	27183.37	589.63	0.00

FIRE DEPT OPER EXP	11850.00	4800.00	16594.69	55.31	0.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT	8000.00		6699.81	1300.19	0.00
INSPECTION FEES	2000.00		1340.00	660.00	0.00
HYDRANTS	5460.00		5460.00	0.00	0.00
MAINT FIRE STATION	9500.00	460.00	9898.30	61.70	0.00
FIRE PONDS/WATERHOLES	3000.00		1839.58	1160.42	0.00
REPAIR/PAINT FIRE STATION	1176.00		0.00	0.00	1176.00
PERSONAL ALERT DEVICES	4500.00	-3300.00	0.00	1200.00	0.00
FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE GRANT MATCH	17500.00		0.00	0.00	17500.00
REPLACE TIRES-PIERCE PUMPER	0.00	3000.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00
EMS WAGES & SALARIES	12248.00	-1200.00	10332.04	715.96	0.00
EMS EXPENSES	6540.00	-1300.00	4755.36	0.00	484.64
EMS TRAINING	1593.00		0.00	0.00	1593.00
EMS BILL OF PR YEAR	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
EMS PAGERS	0.00	2400.00	0.00	0.00	2400.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALARY	20537.00	394.82	20931.82	0.00	0.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPENSE	2590.00		1121.85	1468.15	0.00
GAS INSPECTIONS	1500.00		1259.00	241.00	0.00
WIRING INSPECTIONS	10000.00		2425.00	7575.00	0.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	900.00		900.00	0.00	0.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY	2639.00		2639.00	0.00	0.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1450.00		439.55	1010.45	0.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EXPENSE	8500.00		8400.00	100.00	0.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	743.00	49.00	792.00	0.00	0.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00		0.00	30.00	0.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
HEPATITIS SHOTS	1856.50		0.00	0.00	1856.50
RABIES SHOTS	595.00		0.00	0.00	595.00
ELEM SCH CAPITAL REPAIRS	500.00		300.00	200.00	0.00
ELEM SCH CAPITAL REPAIRS FY 02	243.99		0.00	243.99	0.00
ELEM SCH STAIR TREADS	461.63		0.00	0.00	461.63
ELEM SCH BOILER	12000.00		9885.00	2115.00	0.00
ELEM SCH ROOF REPAIRS	0.00	9450.00	9450.00	0.00	0.00
PIONEER VALLEY REG SCH	2886476.00	-45350.00	2841125.83	0.17	0.00
PVRS-TEACHERS SAL DEFERRAL	4536.47		4536.47	0.00	0.00
PVRS BLDG PROJ ASSESSMENT	318052.05		318052.05	0.00	0.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL	211569.00	-8889.99	202679.01	0.00	0.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOOL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE	6480.00		6316.32	163.68	0.00
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	189370.00		185696.84	3673.16	0.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	125000.00	-1500.00	120250.88	3249.12	0.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00		17219.43	3025.57	39755.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	1200.00		856.61	343.39	0.00
SIDEWALKS	27200.00		0.00	0.00	27200.00
REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36		0.00	0.00	3615.36
OLD WENDELL ROAD	12619.06		0.00	0.00	12619.06
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE	51800.00		51800.00	0.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTS	13000.00		11307.05	1692.95	0.00
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE	74000.00	1500.00	73958.47	1541.53	0.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE	6000.00		5639.01	360.99	0.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LISTS	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
PURCH EQUIP-HWY DEPT	6161.00		0.00	0.00	6161.00
HWY SANDER	1311.00		0.00	1311.00	0.00
HWY PLOW & EQUIPMENT	0.00	30000.00	27115.00	0.00	2885.00
SURVEY BOUNDS TOWN WAYS	1500.00		0.00	0.00	1500.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	5566.00		5566.00	0.00	0.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	136204.00		121228.37	14975.63	0.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	1234.00		1169.74	64.26	0.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	57187.00		55806.17	1380.83	0.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTOR	607.00		607.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00		0.00	67.00	0.00

OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT	67071.00		66927.50	143.50	0.00
SEWER DEPT BILL OF PR YEAR	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EXP	4200.00	1255.00	5455.00	0.00	0.00
MAJOR IMPROV-CEMETERIES	418.99		0.00	0.00	418.99
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	2054.00		2054.00	0.00	0.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FEES	2750.00		2250.00	500.00	0.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	5607.00		4770.89	836.11	0.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	8626.00		8626.00	0.00	0.00
PLUMBING INSPECTION FEES	5000.00		3392.00	1608.00	0.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1750.00		1005.00	745.00	0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	14104.00		13529.03	574.97	0.00
SR CTR DESIGN	38920.00		0.00	0.00	38920.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00		0.00	2500.00	0.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY WAGES	77641.00		76033.53	1607.47	0.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	34575.00		34545.42	29.58	0.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	500.00		500.00	0.00	0.00
LIB CLIMATE CONTROL	3006.30		0.00	0.00	3006.30
LIBRARY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	210.00		0.00	0.00	210.00
LIBRARY ELEVATOR	20000.00	5000.00	0.00	0.00	25000.00
LIBRARY PURCHASE MATERIALS	130.00		0.00	0.00	130.00
RECREATION COMM	6690.00		4377.96	2312.04	0.00
REC COMM VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	250.00		0.00	250.00	0.00
RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR	3296.00		2712.45	583.55	0.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	2000.00		797.85	1202.15	0.00
ATHLETIC FIELD DRAINAGE	627.19		0.00	0.00	627.19
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	375.00		200.76	174.24	0.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1500.00		1301.70	198.30	0.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00		200.00	140.00	0.00
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	220861.00		220861.00	0.00	0.00
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	85020.00		85020.00	0.00	0.00
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	3000.00		0.00	3000.00	0.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS	5088.00		4775.00	313.00	0.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENT	27549.00		24011.62	3537.38	0.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	4429.00		4429.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	119248.00		119248.00	0.00	0.00
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	8000.00		7842.00	158.00	0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	4000.00		1220.00	2780.00	0.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	145976.00	-6082.00	117435.27	22458.73	0.00
LIFE INSURANCE	1600.00	259.47	1859.47	0.00	0.00
MEDICARE/FICA	18000.00		12862.69	5137.31	0.00
OTHER INSURANCE	63000.00	1082.00	63981.56	100.44	0.00
TRSF TO STABILIZATION	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	5980758.16	-14790.00	5597787.49	133371.79	234808.88

DETAILED EXPENDITURES (SELECTED ACCOUNTS)

SELECTMEN EXPENSE		TOTAL SPENT
Wages, PT	0	
Telephone	1789	
Meetings & Seminars	40	
Advertising	636	
Postage	852	
Other Purchased Services	1084	
Office Supplies	1210	
Law Books	187	
Other Supplies	140	
Mileage	0	
Dues & Memberships	958	6896
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE		
Wages, PT	1099	
Meetings & Seminars	0	
Other Supplies	15	
Dues & Memberships	135	1249
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE		
Telephone	1	
Meetings & Seminars	108	
Postage	12	
Other Purchased Services	35	
Office Supplies	20	
Dues & Memberships	40	216
ASSESSORS EXPENSE		
Telephone	12	
Bookbinding	289	
Mapping	2500	
Meetings & Seminars	1228	
Postage	54	
Other Purchased Services	11	
Registry of Deeds	313	
Computer support agreement	3500	
Office Supplies	1424	
Other Supplies	32	
Mileage	520	
Dues & Memberships	140	10023
TREASURERS EXPENSE		
Telephone	2	
Postage	1094	
Other Purchased Services	0	
Bank Service Charges	216	
Office Supplies	1402	
Dues & Memberships	45	
Bonds	229	
Other Charges	0	2988
TAX COLLECTORS EXPENSE		
Telephone	1	
Postage	2690	
Other Purchased Services	0	

Office Supplies	1199	
Mileage	0	
Dues & Memberships	45	
Bonds	215	4150
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE		
Telephone	1	
Meetings & Seminars	44	
Postage	73	
Other Purchased Services	71	
Records Preservation	800	
Office Supplies	684	
Supplies-Vitals	153	
Supplies-Dogs	213	
Mileage	23	
Dues & Memberships	35	
Bonds	100	2197
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Wages, PT	623	
Meetings & Seminars	85	
Advertising	0	
Postage	105	
Supplies	143	
Dues & Memberships	100	1056
PLANNING BOARD		
Wages, PT	878	
Advertising	56	
Postage	22	
Other Purchased Services	0	
Office Supplies	0	
Dues & Memberships	60	1016
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD		
Wages, PT	2364	
Advertising	227	
Other Purchased Services	25	
Postage	124	
Office Supplies	5	
Dues & Memberships	50	2795
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE		
Electricity	4805	
Water	603	
Repairs & Maintenance	2190	
Rubbish Removal	1262	
Other Purchased Services	280	
Elevator Maintenance	2278	
Fuel Oil	5426	
Propane Gas	1540	
Supplies	3859	22243
POLICE OPERATING EXPENSE		
Telephone	858	
Cruiser Repair & Maint	4671	

Meetings & Seminars	309	
Postage	260	
Other Purchased Services	704	
IMC Maintenance	1275	
Gasoline	8526	
Office Supplies	792	
Uniforms & Equipment	1268	
Other Supplies	2715	
Dues & Memberships	725	22103

FIRE DEPT OPERATING EXPENSE

Telephone	377	
Postage	79	
Other Purchased Services	9605	
Gasoline	545	
Diesel	1511	
Supplies	4338	
Dues & Memberships	140	
Other Charges	0	16595

MAINT FIRE STATION

Electricity	3570	
Water	384	
Other Purchased Services	575	
Fuel Oil	4635	
Other Supplies	734	9898

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	246	
Professional Training	149	
Other Purchased Services	615	
Gasoline	202	
Medical Supplies	1445	
Other Supplies	548	
Dues & Memberships	450	
Other Charges	1100	4755

BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSE

Telephone	0	
Alternate Inspector	0	
Postage	109	
Other Purchased Services	0	
Other Supplies	97	
Mileage	916	
Dues & Memberships	0	1122

HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE

Telephone	933	
Meetings & Seminars	203	
Postage	7	
Other Purchased Services	130	
Uniform Service	2575	
FRCOG Purchasing Program	1940	
Other Supplies	528	6316

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILS

Electricity	393	
Engineering	0	
Other Purchased Services	10139	
Materials & Supplies	109718	120250

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Purchased Services	14290	
Gasoline	1215	
Diesel	21409	
Parts & Supplies	37044	73958

MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE

Electricity	3053	
Repairs & Maintenance	516	
Other Purchased Services	439	
Fuel Oil	361	
Supplies	1270	5639

WASTE DISPOSAL

Wages	21137	
Electricity	1245	
Hazardous Waste Collection	1556	
Metal & Bulky Waste	8401	
Tipping Fees	50411	
Trucking Fees	37062	
Other Purchased Services	1415	
Supplies	0	121227

OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT

Electricity	9558	
Water	782	
Telephone	1000	
Professional & Techical	4308	
Lab Testing	2043	
Meetings & Seminars	346	
Sludge Removal	9001	
Collection System O&M	1500	
Other Purchased Services	2703	
Fuel Oil	1536	
Supplies	27950	
Chemicals	5991	
Mileage	34	
Other Charges	175	66927

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE

Wages, PT	3689	
Telephone	0	
Meetings & Seminars	20	
Advertising & Postage	0	
Other Purchased Services	537	
Office Supplies	102	
Other Supplies	303	
Dues & Memberships	120	4771

COUNCIL ON AGING

Telephone	1	
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Meetings & Seminars	35	
Postage	59	
Purchased Services	0	
Director Salary	10765	
Wages, PT	2407	
Supplies	262	
Dues & Memberships	0	
Mileage	0	13529

DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE

Electricity	3248	
Water	283	
Telephone	497	
Repairs & Maintenance	575	
Meetings & Seminars	140	
Postage	112	
Other Purchased Services	4220	
Fuel Oil	3838	
Office Supplies	1162	
Custodial Supplies	234	
Maintenance Supplies	1328	
Library Materials	18496	
Other Supplies	0	
Mileage	287	
Other Charges	125	34545

RECREATION COMMISSION

Wages	3373	
Other Purchased Services	119	
Supplies	886	4378

RECREATION REVOLVING FUND

Soccer	984	
Basketball	663	
Playground	3839	
Softball/Baseball	3697	
Weight Room	1070	
Interprogram Expenses	2262	
Other Programs	4120	
Transfer to General Fund	7403	24038

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah M. Mero
Town Accountant

Planning Board

ANNUAL REPORT

2005 was an interesting year for the planning board. Through out the course of the year we received and approved 10 requests for ANR (approval not required) plans, reviewed 2 site plans and many requests for information and clarification on various town by laws.

We spent many hours looking at and revising numerous town by laws. After 2 and a half years of hard work and many hearings, the planning board made our first attempt at bringing to town meeting our village center bylaws (business by right). Though these bylaws did not pass at town meeting, we have a renewed sense of direction and will continue to pursue these items that are part of our community development plan.

In 2005 we had quite a few changes in membership. Long time planning board member Matt Duska vacated his seat and we wish him the best. Karin Jarvis our valued assistant left as our secretary, but returned to fill the vacancy of Matt Duska, Karin what were you thinking? But we are very glad you did. Kristy Norwood left us with the birth of her child, congratulations Kristy and Corey. Kristy's seat was filled by Jerry Wagener.

Although a relatively new comer to Northfield Jerry has already shown he will be a valued member of our board. We also have a new assistant, Gretchen Johnson, Gretchen will be a great asset as she is no stranger to the workings of a planning board.

So with a full membership and an assistant on board the 2006 year looks to be as interesting as 2005 and as busy.

Lastly I would personally like to thank all the townspeople that came to all of our hearing and informational meetings throughout 2005. Who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our meetings and be part of helping us make Northfield a town that others may model their's after. We of the planning board look forward to your continued help and support.

Sincerely

Matt Bazzani
Northfield Planning Board Chairperson

Agricultural Commission

In January, 2005 a committee was assembled to investigate the formation of a Town Agricultural Commission and the possible adoption of a Right-to-Farm By-law by the Town of Northfield. Prompted by the growing awareness of increased development pressure and the desire of the community to maintain its rural character and agricultural tradition, the committee positively recommended to the Board of Selectmen on both the creation of an Agricultural Commission and the adoption of a town Right-To-Farm By-Law. Both were voted in by a strong majority at the Town Meeting in May. The By law does not represent new legislation, but only endorsed those laws that already exist in the Commonwealth governing agricultural practices. A copy of the By-Law is available at the Town Hall.

A letter was sent to other Northfield Town Boards and Committees notifying them of the new Commission and its goals. A brochure describing both the Commission and the Right-to-Farm Bylaw was sent to Northfield town households with the census mailing in January, 2006. Similar brochures were mailed to 22 area real estates offices so that they might have knowledge of the Commission, the By-Law, and the general support of agriculture by the residents of Northfield.

The nine volunteer members appointed to the Commission on rotating terms are Bill Ames (Elected Chair), Stephen Smiaroski (Elected Secretary), Fred Balk, Dave Brown, Eugene L'Etoile, Bill Llewelyn,

and Bill Roberts. Alternates are Don Campbell and Nathan L'Etoile. At least three members must be currently involved in commercial agriculture, three must have previous agricultural experience, and three are at large. The Commission meets at Town Hall at 7:30PM on the first Thursday of the month. The public is invited to attend our meetings and we welcome any participation.

The purpose of the Commission is to preserve agriculture in Northfield. Specific goals are:

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| 1. Distribute agricultural information in Northfield | 6. Sponsor an annual agricultural event |
| 2. Maintain advisory contact with Town Boards | 7. Maintain contact with local farms |
| 3. Create and maintain a web page on Town website | 8. Identify all farmlands in Northfield |
| 4. Notify Realtors of Town Right-to-Farm bylaw | 9. Maintain library of pertinent legislation |
| 5. Interact with other agriculture organizations | 10. Assist farmers in conservation practices |

At the present time the Commission operates without a budget and in an advocacy, informational, and advisory capacity. The first annual event, sponsored by the Agricultural Commission, and intended to promote agricultural enterprise in Northfield and interaction with the public, is planned for the fall of 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Ames, Chairman

Conservation Commission Annual Report

We have had a very productive year. Our members are Bill Llewelyn, Chair, Charlie Blanker, Vice Chair, Bill Gabriel, Bill Walker, Dave Quinn, and Joan Deely. Nathan L'Etoile recently filled the open seat due to the resignation of Michelle Matteo.

Our work for the year consisted of:

- 1 Order of Conditions Renewal Hearing
- 1 Certificate of Compliance was issued
- 2 Notice of Intent Hearings
- 11 Request for Determination Hearings
 - 3 Positive Findings
 - 8 Negative Findings

We are looking forward to working for the town in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Johnson, Conservation Commission Assistant.

Open Space Committee

In 2005, as development pressures moved up the Connecticut River valley, Northfield residents began some serious open space planning.

In the fall of 2004 the town started working on a new Open Space and Recreation Plan with the help of a grant secured by Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Bill Labich, a planner with FRCOG, worked with a group of volunteers to develop the plan using a survey sent to all residents and a series of public forums and neighborhood meetings. The plan was completed in the summer of 2005. In November the town voted to form a permanent open space committee to implement the recommendations in the plan. The permanent committee will begin meeting in 2006.

At the same time, the Board of Selectmen was presented with a Chapter 61 'right of first refusal' sale on a 46-acre forested parcel fronting on Gulf Road. Recognizing the unusual value of this site on Brush Mt., the Board of Selectmen requested that Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust evaluate the property. Mt. Grace recommended that the town apply for a Self Help Grant to assist with the purchase of the property which Mt. Grace would preacquire and hold for the town. In November we learned that our grant application was successful; at town meeting November 28, 2005, voters overwhelmingly approved the borrowing mechanism to purchase the land. On Nov. 30 voters approved the debt exclusion.

Preserving this parcel protects access to a favorite hiking route and scenic overlook on the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail, important wildlife habitat, and the contiguous forests near the Northfield State Forest. An unexpected and very significant benefit is the protection of the original homesite of a carpenter and sawmill owner, Calvin Swan, a free-born African American who assisted the Stearns brothers in building the 19th century homes on Main St. Born in 1799, Swan was instrumental in organizing anti-slavery organizations in Northfield and in Franklin County.

The Environmental Resources subcommittee of the Northfield Transition Team began an evaluation of several Northfield Mt. Hermon open space parcels, including the Mill Pond watershed area. The permanent Open Space Committee will assist with this evaluation and work in 2006 to implement action steps in the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Historical Commission

Commission membership was somewhat challenged in the spring when Maureen Moore, secretary, moved out of town. Thanks are due to Jean Kozlowski who agreed to return to fill the remainder of the vacated term, and even act as secretary.

The study of the Schell Bridge by the students of the Smith College Picker Engineering Program concluded with an informative public presentation which showed the bridge to be viable for rehabilitation. The Commission has continued its support for The Friends of Schell Bridge.

Karen Forslund Falb, landscape historian and NMH alumna, was the speaker at the annual Day of History on April 30. The program was very well received and helped articulate concerns of the town in long-term planning.

A Warwick/Northfield/Gill cemetery vandalism incident gave rise to a discussion of the possible reinstatement of a Northfield Cemetery Commission. The commission did address the issue of cemetery mowing, writing in the Selectboard to oppose the hiring of a professional mowing company. Also a plea has been made to restore water to the Center Cemetery, in order to facilitate necessary conservation and repair of the historic stones.

Consideration of many town issues has involved participation in workshops and open meetings; the writing of letters and memos. The historical significance of the NMH campus was stressed in a letter for the Transition Committee. A lengthy memo was sent to the Selectboard on the Rice Oil plans for the Mobil Station. Support was given to the Brush Mountain Conservation Area Project, particularly in light of the historic Calvin Swan home site.

Marie Booth Ferre
Chair, Historical Commission

Energy Committee

The Town of Northfield Energy Committee was appointed by the Selectmen in February 2005, so a review of the first year follows. The first major activity was the well attended Energy Fair in April at the Town Hall. Subsequently the Committee addressed energy conservation in the Town Hall, the grade school, and Dickinson Library. At the grade school the staff and a Western Massachusetts Electric representative helped with a lighting project and electric usage. Insulation work remains to be done in some of the old building. At the library the new furnace is working well. Basement window treatment is done, office window blankets are being installed, and an insulation and lighting proposal for the upstairs children's room is under consideration by the library trustees.

An open information meeting in preparation for the winter heating season dealt with insulation, conservation and safe heating. Material was presented by Energy Committee member Pete Talmage, a Western Massachusetts Electric representative and Northfield's Fire Chief, Skip Dunnell.

This January a biodiesel information session was hosted by the Energy Committee for municipalities, fleet owners, farmers and commercial diesel users. Speakers included the Director of the City of Keene DPW who has used biodiesel for five years in the town vehicles, and a representative of the energy cooperative in Greenfield that is building a biodiesel production facility.

Further information sessions about energy efficiency and renewable energy are slated for February and March. The February meeting will focus on financial help for home or business projects. The March meeting will consider generating electricity with wind. Meetings are at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the downstairs meeting room at Dickinson Library. See the detailed announcements below.

In recent years there have been striking price changes in all forms of energy. Coal prices have doubled in the past three years. Natural gas prices doubled last year. Oil prices rose from \$24/barrel to over \$70/barrel after Hurricane Katrina and now hold in the low \$60/barrel range. Gasoline prices peaked over \$3.25/gallon, dropped back about a dollar and now are about \$2.50/gallon. Two years ago heating oil was about \$1/gal.; today it is over \$2/gal. These energy increases cause rising electricity generating rates. Homeowners in December 2003 paid about 4.9 cents/kWh. By this January the Basic Service fixed price was 11.2 cents/kWh; Basic Service variable price was 13.4 cents/kWh. While the homeowner experienced about a 31% price increase from December 2005, the large industrial and institutional user discovered a 73% increase. At the same time the Law of Supply and Demand has driven up prices of some renewable energy forms. Firewood is over \$200/cord; wood pellets rose from \$140/ton eighteen months ago to over \$220/ton this January.

In the face of these energy price changes prudence suggests more effective conservation, increased efficiency, and perhaps investment in renewable energy forms. Examples of the latter include the developing bio-diesel plant in the Greenfield Industrial Park, the Llewelyn's corn drying operation producing corn for fuel in Northfield Upper Farms, and the recent photo-voltaic direct electric grid tied installations of Linwood Wallace on Glenwood Ave. and Pete Talmage on East St.

Regular meetings of the Energy Committee are at 3pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the downstairs meeting room of Dickinson Library. The public is invited.

Walton G. Congdon

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is committed to providing recreational programming for the citizens of Northfield. The Committee thanks whole-heartedly the many volunteers for their commitment of time and work. Your service to the community makes these programs possible and successful. It is because of our volunteer base that we on the Rec. Committee can implement the majority of our programs. You are important to the community and deserve recognition. It is the volunteers of Northfield which make this town a community. Thank you.

Thank you to Northfield Elementary School, Pioneer Valley Regional High School, NMH, Town Library, and The Unitarian Church for the use of their facilities.

Summer Playground Program served 70 children, kindergarten through sixth grade and employed 11 Northfield teens. This program has been serving Northfield's children for many years. The program runs for 5 weeks during the summer at NES. The children are offered a number of activities to choose from along with field trips to Laurel Lake and the French King Bowling Center. The program was coordinated by Andy Harrison.

The Fall Soccer program was coordinated by Andy Harrison and Kathy Galluzzo.

130 children participated from grades k-6.

The Winter Basketball Program served 86 children grades 2-6 and was coordinated by Dave Adams.

Spring Baseball and Softball Program served over 117 children grades k-6 and is coordinated by Andy Harrison and Steve Bachinski.

Family Swim and Ice Skating was offered at NMH and was well attended by the community, coordinated by Wendy Trill.

Yoga is offered at two different venues this year, Thursday mornings at

The Unitarian Church and Thursday evenings at the town hall.

Jazz, Tap and Ballet lessons were offered on Saturday mornings at NES.

The Rec sponsored the fourth annual bus trip to the Beach and the Second annual Red Sox bus trip.

The Ski Program had 33 participants in its third year of Rec sponsorship.

For the Adults, we continued Monday night Firemen's basketball, Wednesday night Volleyball, Friday night Men's basketball, and adult yoga.

We also continued the Martial arts, computer classes, and two nights (M & W) at the PVRs weight room.

New this year is Baton twirling at NES on Monday evenings, grades k-6, and our Walkabout program for all ages on Wednesday evenings during warm weather months.

Finally, the Rec committee would like to express our sincere thanks to Kathy Galluzzo for many years of service to the Youth soccer program. Kathy has given hundreds of hours of her time in support of the Town of Northfield. Thank You... Kathy

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bachinski



Cultural Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The Northfield Cultural Council held a Community Input Meeting on September 27, 2005. Guidelines for Grant Applications were reviewed.

The NCC met to review grant proposals and disperse funds on November 7, 2005 at the Dickinson Memorial Library. Members able to attend this meeting included: Jeanne Sisson, Chairperson, John Foster, Barbara Lemoine, Tammy Pelletier, Linda Smiaroski, Shirley Stookey and Cate Woolner.

Jeanne opened the meeting by welcoming all current and new board members. Jeanne expressed the need to recruit additional board members, and her desire to move on from the chairperson's role in the future. The council jobs were divided amongst the existing members; Jeanne, final year of chair, Barbara, Secretary, John to write denial letters, and Barbara to write approval letters, website coordinator, Jeanne.

The Northfield LCC was granted \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the 2005 funding cycle, with an additional \$774.48 remaining from outstanding unfulfilled grants, that left a total of \$3274.48 to disperse for the upcoming grant cycle of 2006. A total of 28 applications were submitted to the Cultural Council for consideration. The Cultural Council granted either partial or full funding, to 11 applicants.

The LCC granted the following applications for FY 2006: (P-partial funding; F-full funding)

Northfield Elementary School	Exploring Poetry	\$480.	F
Shea Community Theater	Performance for Young People Series	250.	F
Sharon Weyers	Northfield Elementary Drama Club	100.	F
Dickinson Memorial Library	Storyteller Mary Jo Maichack	440.	F
Northfield Meadow Maids and Men 4-H Club	Annual Fashion Revue Fair	300.	F
Northfield Council on Aging	Art of Writing and Bookmaking	320	F
Maureen Moore	Publishing "The Equinox"	100.	F
Northfield Arts Group	Northfield Arts Festival	250.	F
Northfield Historical Society	Historical Society Programming	200.	P
Friends of the Schell Bridge	Schell Memorial Bridge Model	350.	P
Patty Carpenter	Women in Jazz Concert	200.	F
Seeds of Solidarity Ed. Center	N. Quabbin Garlic & Arts Festival	200.	
Total		\$3190.	

Since our November 2004 meeting the Northfield Cultural Council has lost members Maureen Moore, Louise Matney, Steve Hussey and Barbara Bowen due to resignation or expiration of terms. We are actively seeking new members! Please contact Jeanne Sisson at 498-2227 or jeanne@dragon-heart.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Annual Town Report

2005

The Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five regular members and three alternate members. The are appointed for 5-year alternating terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month for business meetings and as posted for public hearings. The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of certain special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

The Zoning Board of Appeals updated the Application for a Zoning Permit, and created addition forms.

The ZBA's goal is to make the application process as clear and easy as possible.

The ZBA acted on various requests as follows:

Withdrawn without Prejudice

JSP Land Development (property affected Rice Oil Mobil Station, 24 Main St.)

Mitchell Aggregate LLC/Robert Mitchell Jr. - Special Permit

Granted

Ellen P. Hunter/Sound Footing Reflexology, 823 Old Wendell Road - Special Permit

David J. and Diane L. Kalinowski, 2 Main Street - Special Permit

Wendy Lavallee, 2 Heath Road on Rustic Ridge - Variance

Denied

Mitchell Aggregate LLC/Robert Mitchell Jr. - Special Permit

The Board welcomed Mary King as a new member and regretfully accepted the resignation of long time member Jack Nelson in September. Jack had been a member of the ZBA since 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Shearer, Chair

Marguerite Lentz, Clerk

William Forrest, Member

John Nelson, Member

Mary King, Member

Raymond Clark, Associate Member

Robert Barnes, Associate Member

Thomas Russell, Associate Member

Vivien Venskowski, Administrative Assistant

**Pioneer Valley Regional School District
Superintendent of Schools**

Town Report, 2005

It is a pleasure to submit my eighteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District.

The major event in 2005 was the evaluation of the district by the office of Educational Quality Assurance (EQA). The EQA is a state agency that is responsible for evaluating every school district (not school) in Massachusetts. In early December it was Pioneer's turn. An EQA evaluation team spent several days here conducting interviews and examining hundreds of documents. The EQA uses fifteen standards to rate districts. The standards encompass virtually all aspects of a school district's operation.

Pioneer did very well. Our overall rating was 85.5%. In the final report that we received in early summer and presented to the school committee in September, we were ranked "among the high-performing school districts in the commonwealth". We received commendations in several areas including student assessment, leadership, and finances. The one area identified as a concern was evaluation, not only of personnel but also of programs and services. We have already implemented changes in procedures and programs to improve our evaluation practices.

The EQA audit is unique, unlike anything that I have experienced before. It is conducted by an outside agency with its own set of criteria, it relies heavily on data, and pulls no punches in its conclusions. For those reasons we were gratified by our fine performance. However, it is also an extremely time-consuming process that ties up people and resources for months. Its over-reliance on written data narrows its scope and some of the recommendations are impractical, especially for a small district like Pioneer. On balance it was a positive experience. The staff worked hard to produce the data we needed, teachers spent hours preparing for the visit, and school committee members and town officials were cooperative and articulate in interviews. In the end we not only met most of the EQA benchmarks but, just as important, we learned a lot about ourselves. That knowledge has been helpful in our on-going efforts to improve our performance.

One of our highest priorities every year is to provide our staff with high quality professional development. We accomplish that through the creation of an annual Professional Development Plan. The plan, devised by a committee of teachers, administrators, and others identified three focus areas for 2005/2006: Curriculum and Assessment, Best Practices, and Technology. The plan describes the specific activities in each area, names those responsible, and lists the cost. This is where the EQA report has had its greatest impact. It provided the rationale and the framework for many of this year's activities. Each May a new plan-and an evaluation of the previous year's plan- is presented to the School Committee. Copies of the 2005/2006 plan are available from the superintendent's office.

Of equal importance is the development of multi-year capital improvement plans- including the replacement of technology-for all of our buildings. That too was accomplished in 2005. I think that we can all agree that the buildings look terrific which of course does not happen by accident. The efforts of our custodians are critical, but so too are long-range plans that they can follow. We promised to develop the plans when the buildings were renovated and we have kept that

promise. The capital plan for the high school and the technology plan for the district are the responsibility of the Pioneer School Committee. The elementary school plans were developed by the district, but the towns, as the owners of the buildings, are responsible for their implementation. Copies of the capital plans are available from the superintendent's office.

Securing adequate funding is a never-ending battle and 2005 was no exception. Our budget for 2005/2006 is \$11,332,044. A little more than half of that comes from the towns and the rest from other sources. State aid at more than \$4 million provides most of the "other". Since our state aid has remained flat for the last several years, it has become necessary to find other sources of revenue. In 2005 tuition and Choice funds filled the gap. They allowed us to keep town assessment increases to a reasonable 2.7%. Pioneer is a district that students from surrounding towns want to attend, and can, either through tuition (out of state) or Choice (in state). Like it or not, competition with other educational institutions is a fact of life today and we must remain an attractive option to both retain the students we have and gain new students. Thanks to the generous financial support of the towns and our excellent reputation (see EQA report) we have been able to do just that.

2005 was another good year for Pioneer. Our communities can feel justifiably proud of the education that we provide and the cooperative spirit that makes it all possible. May it continue.

Kevin J. Courtney
Superintendent of Schools

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Certified School Business Administrator,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Patricia E. Gardner

DISTRICT TREASURER

Deborah Mero

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Deborah Frentzos

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Vacation Days – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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2004/2005

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Special Education

Annual Report 2005

This is my eighth annual report as the Administrator of Special Education for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing one hundred and ninety three (193) students between the ages of three (3) and twenty-two (22) with special education services. Students who receive special education services have an identified disability which impacts their ability to make effective educational progress.

The following special education services are provided within our schools: academic support, reading, written language and math instruction, speech and language therapy, psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, life skills training, supported work experiences, services for the deaf and hard of hearing, and specialized transportation. Programming is provided during the school year and for a small number of students in extended year programs when this is deemed necessary by the special education teams.

We make a concerted effort to serve students with special needs in our local schools whenever possible. Because we have skilled special educators, and because we have commendable cooperation from classroom teachers, support staff, and principals, we have been very successful in providing high quality programs for disabled students within our local schools. A small number of students are placed outside the school district in specialized day placements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon B. Parker, Ed.D.
Administrator of Special Education

I am pleased to submit this report for 2005. It has been a successful year in many ways. PVRS is a beautiful facility, filled with excellent staff and wonderful students. It is the continued support of our communities of Bernardston, Northfield, Leyden and Warwick and the influence of caring parents that contribute to the success here.

Our math initiative to support high MCAS scores continued with ongoing training at grades 7 and 8 in Connected Math, a problem centered math curriculum. PVRS has continued to meet the federal standards for Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in math and language arts. This year we are supporting students who need extra practice for MCAS with a class devoted to strengthen MCAS math skills, and two after-school programs. The after-school programs are designed to support targeted groups to increase math and test-taking skills.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to retiring staff members Justin Duncan and Austin Graf. These two individuals had long years of service to PVRS. We also experienced the sad loss of Paul Sternfels during the Christmas break. Students and staff were supported on the return to school as we dealt with this tragedy. Paul was a new staff member this year, and was joined by Ken Mullen, Karen Lovely-Leach and Cara Taylor. Cara is filling a one-year maternity leave position.

Cathy Hawkins-Harrison also joined the staff this year in a newly created position of Middle School Coordinator and MCAS Coordinator. This position was created in our continuing effort to support the middle school philosophy which was adopted some years ago.

Students have many activities to choose from at PVRS. This year's theater productions of Grease, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress were great opportunities for students to participate in the arts. Dance team became an official co-curricular activity. Model Congress group won the school Spirit award at this year's competition. Our athletic offerings continue to be strong, with the addition of field hockey and football programs this year. Our girls' softball team won the state championship. Students had opportunities to travel to both Quebec and Costa Rica. Our students continue to have a large variety of extra-curricular activities, due to the willingness of our staff to take on these extra duties.

There are also extension activities within the school day. CIA (Culture in Action) brought diverse music to our students as assemblies during the school day. The Zydeco Band Lil Anne and the Hot Cayennes, and Wholesale Klezmer Band were both enthusiastically received by both staff and students. FACE, a presentation on self-esteem and resisting peer pressure, was made to middle school students.

Our student organizations continue to do good work to support those in need, both locally and internationally. Student Council organized a blood drive, and met their goal with 45 pints donated. This is planned as a twice yearly event in the future.

We are proud that staff member Jim Trill was nominated for a Disney Teacher-of-the-Year award. The nomination was for his innovative class projects and his ability to serve students needs.

It was my pleasure to preside over my first graduation at PVRS. It was a moving experience for me, as I looked over the faces that were leaving us and going out into the world. Also in the "firsts" column was an introduction of a new cafeteria computer program, which allows students to deposit money into accounts and to access their accounts by use of an ID card. Many thanks to our excellent cafeteria staff, who were willing to pilot this initiative and introduce it smoothly to our students. (And for the excellent meals that are offered every day!)

Our web site has been completely overhauled this year, and provides a wealth of information on classes and events. We continue to make efforts to expand our communication with the community, using the web site, the marquis, newsletters and the media.

PVRS staff continues to make efforts toward self-improvement, through the professional development offered, through initiatives from staff members, and sharing of good ideas! This year staff meetings are opened with a "Best Practices" segment, which allows teachers to share their good ideas with others.

It is my pleasure to come to work here every day. I am proud to be a part of this dynamic school, committed to fostering respect, responsibility, and academic excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas
Principal

Northfield Elementary School Principal's Report

I am pleased to submit this annual report for Northfield Elementary School for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. Northfield Elementary School is a busy place with parents, teachers, support staff, community members and administration continually striving to provide the students with an excellent education.

In June of this year we wished Lynn Dame well as she went on to new ventures in her retirement after teaching over thirty years. We thank her for the many years of dedicated service to our children. As a teacher, Lynn touched the lives of hundreds of fortunate Northfield children. Kristen Hertzler, vocal music teacher, has decided to take time off to raise her family. We will miss Kristen and wish her well.

The school year opened on August 28th with an enrollment of 293 students in preschool through grade 6. We welcomed new staff members – Amy Tibbetts, second grade teacher, Lisa Wheeler, special education teacher, Kim Wallach, music teacher, Sue Bockus, Title I tutor, and classroom assistants Helen Haselton and Mary Gaspar-Damon.

Ongoing curriculum work is extremely important for our teachers and students. Analyzing data regarding our performance helps us to detect areas of our curriculum and classroom instruction that need strengthening. Curriculum and instruction are directly tied to any state testing

administered to our students. The stronger our curriculum the more successful our students are in the classroom and on state exams. The curriculum focus this year's was in mathematics. The math program at Northfield continues to grow and improve at all grade levels in the areas of computation, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

This year we were awarded a Creative Schools Grant through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This grant enabled us to invite highly talented artists-in-residence to work with the children to provide new cultural experiences. The Northfield Cultural Council and the Foundation for Educational Excellence are two other important organizations that have helped us provide cultural and academic experiences for the students. An anonymous donation through the Art of Giving organization has allowed us to purchase literacy materials. All of these awards have helped us to enrich the children's experiences at school and to open up the world to them to new experiences.

Thank you to Deb Osowski and EllenJo Gries, co-chairs of the PTO. With their coordination, the PTO helped to raise money which we are able to use to help support the transportation for the many field trips the classes take. New this year was a PTO sponsored family picnic and sing a-long, which was a huge success. Thank you, also, to the many parent and community volunteers at NES who contribute their time and talents to support learning throughout our school.

The building is well maintained and clean which results in happy students and staff. The town is fortunate to have Building Use Committee members, Bill Roberts, Hank Henry, and Brian Brault. The members of this committee are highly respected for their continued interest in keeping the school building properly maintained and improved. Their efforts are commendable.

In closing, we look forward to another challenging year of academic growth as we continue to seek the best possible opportunities for the elementary students of Northfield. The citizens of Northfield can take pride in knowing they have provided the students with a wonderful learning environment at Northfield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. King
Principal

Franklin County Technical School

2005 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2005 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2005 was 543 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Erving	13	Montague	70	Sunderland	11
Buckland	21	Gill	11	New Salem	10	Warwick	10
Colrain	24	Greenfield	131	Northfield	26	Wendell	10
Conway	8	Heath	11	Orange	68	Whately	6
Deerfield	17	Leyden	8	Shelburne	14	Non-District	48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 105 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2005. This marked the third year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 39% of our graduates planned on going to college, 59% joined the area work force and 2% entered the military. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2005.

During the 2005 school year, the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated \$48,000 worth of service projects benefiting the various towns and city of Franklin County.

We were re-accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for the next 10 year cycle. This attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns. We used the School's Building Feasibility Study of 2002 to point out the need for a school building renovation project. Because we were able to show the NEAS&C Visiting Committee that we were already working on plans to address the problems of our aging school facility, we were able to get through this evaluation. The School Committee continues to work on a building renovation and expansion plan. We are waiting until the new Massachusetts School Building Authority produces their new regulations in July of 2007 to continue the formal process for applying for building assistance money. Once we know the percentage of cost sharing we will be working with each of our towns to finalize our planning process for a new or renovated school facility.

We continue to work with Greenfield community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School, as well as a new program that offers college credit courses after school to our students.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the Economic Development for Franklin County.

We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman

Dr. Steven M. Johnson, Superintendent

Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

2005 Report to Our Member Communities

The Franklin County LEPC received formal recognition from the State Emergency Response Commission in 2000 to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning, and address the Federal SARA Title III requirement that all communities have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. With the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) all 26 Franklin County towns opted in to a regional LEPC approach; the largest regional LEPC in the Commonwealth.

Early on the Committee elected an "all hazards" approach to emergency planning which not only addresses our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for haz mat emergencies but also other natural and man-made disasters (flood, blizzard, hurricane, terrorist attack, etc) that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

Your LEPC membership currently consists of the following representatives of the thirteen federally-required disciplines:

Fire Service: Walter Tibbits (Franklin County Fire Chiefs)
Law Enforcement: Gary Sibilia (Franklin County Police Chiefs)
Emergency Medical Services: Dave Hansen (Franklin County EMS)
Board of Health: Dave Chichester/Gina McNeeley (Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition)
Hospitals: Fred Callahan (Franklin Medical Center)
Transportation: Denise Wallenius (Franklin Regional Transit Authority)
Media: George Claxton (The Recorder)
Emergency Management: John Bartus (Town of Orange)
Public Works: Vacant
Community Groups: Dawn Josefski (Franklin County CERT Team)
Environmental: John Bourcier (MA Department of Environmental Protection)
Elected Officials: Vacant
Industry: Jim Field (University of Massachusetts)

Additional representatives include: Bill Allen (Franklin County Planning Board) and Raymond Godin (Western MA Homeland Security Council).

In addition each of the member communities has designated an Emergency Response Coordinator who is the contact between the LEPC and their town:

Ashfield: Doug Field
Bernardston: Peter Shedd
Buckland: Milton Rock
Charlemont: Charles Bellows
Colrain: Larry Dumas
Conway: Jeff McFarland
Deerfield: Mark Gilmore
Erving: Mitchell LeClaire
Gill: Jason Edson
Greenfield: Michael Winn
Hawley: Greg Cox
Heath: Tim Lively

Leverett: Jim Field
Leyden: Gilda Galvis
Monroe: David Nash
Montague: Bob Escott
New Salem: Thomas Reidy
Northfield: Gary Sibilia
Orange: Dennis Annear
Rowe: Edwin May
Shelburne: Angus "Terry" Dun
Shutesbury: Walter Tibbits
Sunderland: Robert Ahearn
Warwick: Donald Matthews

While this is a huge group of individuals to assemble, inform, and obtain feedback, the participation and response has been positive with an average of 30 members present at the quarterly meetings in 2005. Additionally, the LEPC has provided a wonderful conduit for interdisciplinary communication about emergency planning and collaboration.

During 2005 your LEPC took the following actions:

- Provided Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Training to responders during classes in Colrain and Gill.
- Coordinated five MEMA training classes for responders on the National Incident Management System and Incident Command in Charlemont, Greenfield, Deerfield(2), Whately.
- Developed a Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan for submission to the Towns for acceptance and to the Commonwealth's State Emergency Response Commission for approval.
- Contributed to the Western Massachusetts Homeland Security Council plan development and implementation.
- Aiding in the development of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in the county.
- Worked with the FRCOG staff in providing training on statewide Pictometry imaging software and databases.
- Obtained, in cooperation with the FRCOG and FCSWMD, a disaster Debris Management grant.
- Provided training about the operation of the Massachusetts Regional Hazardous Materials Response program.
- Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Materials data from 68 handling sites in the County.
- Conducted a Tabletop Emergency Response Exercise based on a simulated haz mat spill in the Town of Shelburne.
- Sent representation to the Franklin County/Tri-State Fire radio committee.
- Participated in the Mohawk Health Coalition exercise concerning Infectious Disease control.
- Conducted four quarterly board meetings of the full LEPC.

In addition to continuing and completing many of the ongoing projects the committee will be working in 2006 to develop a predictable funding mechanism to provide for continuation of the committee. The Commonwealth has also recommended that we alter our name to include the word "regional" to reflect our role as a multi-jurisdictional organization; a model that many suggest is one that should be replicated throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort.

John Taylor, Chair
Mark Gilmore, Vice Chair
Ben Wood, Secretary (acting)
Patricia Auchard, Treasurer
John Bartus, Exec Comm
Jim Field, Exec Comm

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments 2005 Annual Report

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2005. As the regional planning agency and governmental membership organization serving the twenty-six towns of Franklin County, we provide a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community services, as well as fee-for-service programs serving municipal needs. The following is a brief summary of FRCOG services, programs, projects, and activities for 2005.

FRCOG Economic Development Planning initiatives facilitate business growth and development to improve our regional economy and provide jobs, goods, and services. We work with federal, state and local economic development agencies to assess needs and issues, identify and implement projects, and maintain eligibility for funding. Work in 2005 included: the Brownfield Site Assessment and Revolving Loan programs; the Greater Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Economic Development District; industrial park planning; and Pioneer Valley Connect.

A **Geographic Information System** is a computer system for mapping geographic data. GIS is incorporated into many aspects of our work and is available to towns on a fee-for-service basis. Our 2005 activities included: updating maps for the Franklin Region Long Range Transportation Plan; completing parcel mapping for all the towns; homeland security and emergency planning; support for Smart Growth Technical Assistance grants; analyzing demographic information; and updating zoning maps.

We provide assistance on a wide range of **Land Use Planning and Zoning** activities including preparation of Master Plans and Open Space and Recreation Plans and technical assistance to update Zoning Bylaws or Subdivision Regulations. In 2005 our activities included: a Regional Policy Plan; a Strategic Plan for Renewable Energy; sub-regional Open Space Plans for the Deerfield and Millers River Watersheds; a comprehensive Regional Water Supply Study for Franklin County; a Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for twenty-three communities.

FRCOG Natural Resources Planning projects typically focus on assessing and protecting a particular resource or on innovative technologies/techniques that mitigate resource impacts. Projects in 2005 included: the Connecticut River Watershed Restoration – Phase III; the Deerfield River Watershed Non-point Pollution Assessment; the Four Mile Brook Watershed Assessment; and developing a draft of an Aquifer Protection Overlay District Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Whately.

The FRCOG provides member towns with a variety of **Transportation Planning** services. We maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a listing of all Franklin County projects eligible for federal aid, and we assist towns with TIP project development and tracking. We also prepare a Long Range Regional Transportation Plan every three years, and facilitate public involvement in the transportation planning process in Franklin County. In 2005 our projects included: the Franklin County Bikeway; Scenic Byways for the Connecticut River, Mohawk Trail, and Route 112; hazardous intersections identification; planning for a Regional Transportation Center; Routes 2 and 116 Safety Improvements; the Route 2 West Safety Study; the Traffic Counting Program; and the Transportation Demand Management Program.

The FRCOG provides **Engineering Services** for rural roadway design, drainage design, slope stabilization, right-of-way acquisition, highway layout research, and maintenance engineering. In 2005 our projects include: the State Street Footprint Reconstruction Project in Buckland; the Green River Road

at Workman Brook Slope Stabilization and Culvert Repair Project in Colrain; the Lower Road Culvert Repair Project in Deerfield; the Proposed Changes to the Intersection of Cushman Road and Shutesbury Road in Leverett; and the Public Library Parking and Accessible Access Project in Shutesbury.

Emergency Preparedness Planning initiatives include staffing the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition, and the Medical Reserve Corps and serving as fiduciary agent to the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council. We also work with the Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid, local governments, and the other two regional planning agencies in Western Massachusetts to provide integrated planning and technical assistance to improve our region's ability to prepare, respond and recover from natural and man-made disasters. Our 2005 projects included: First Responder/Municipal Training; the Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan; board of health communication and technology grants, high-speed internet access for boards of health, development of a regional radio communications system; and initiation of a Debris Management Plan.

The **FRCOG Community Coalition for Teens** provides services to promote the health and well-being of teens in the Franklin County and North Quabbin region. CCT collaborates with school and community partners to: establish and support effective youth development and health-promotion programs; provide training and technical assistance for evidence-based practices; and involve and empower youth. CCT projects in 2005 included: a Region-Wide Teen Health Survey; the 14th annual Youth Conference; Communities That Care, UNITY, Student-led Social Norms Marketing, Parent Education, Safe Homes Parent Network, SMART Recovery, and the Teen Outreach Program.

The **Cooperative Inspection Program** is a community service mandated by the state and financed by member towns and inspection fees. This program was formed in 1975 and became so successful that a Plumbing and Electrical inspection services were added in 1986. Services in 2005 included: Building Inspection, Zoning Enforcement, Wiring Inspection, and Plumbing Inspection in 17 County towns.

The **Cooperative Purchasing Program** provides bidding, contracting, and other services to towns and non-profit agencies. The Program saves money by volume discount buying, and we assure that legally required bidding processes are followed. Participation in any established bidding and contracting program is fee based. Consultation on any bidding or proposal project is available on an hourly basis. Programs in 2005 included: Highway Products and Services, Fuel Products, Dog Licenses and Dog Tags.

The **Regional Health Inspection Program** is designed to respond to the code enforcement and education needs of local Boards of Health. In 2005 the Program provided regional professional health agent support to 16 towns and a monthly Board of Health Capacity-Building Workshop Series.

The **Town Accountant Program** is a fee-for-service program initiated in 2005 to respond to the needs of several Franklin County towns for professional accounting services. We currently serve four towns, and more communities are expected to join in the future. A full range of municipal accounting services is offered to participating communities.

Other Regional Services provided in 2005 included: advocating on behalf of our member communities at all levels to ensure that funding programs and policies respond to the rural nature, economic strengths, and human and natural resources of our region; representing Franklin County's interests on many boards and committees and at conferences; helping to facilitate Senator Rosenberg's annual Municipal Conference; producing a Regional Directory; completing a Wage and Salary Survey; and facilitating many workshops and exercises.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about FRCOG programs, projects, and services please contact us for our full 2005 Annual Report at 413-744-3167 ext. 100. Also, a new FRCOG website is under development and will be available in the spring of 2006. Check it out then at www.frcog.org.

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

2005 REPORT OF THE
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. The District continues to oversee the operation of three permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes such as oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, and Conway. Contact the District office for operating hours for each site.

2005 was a rewarding year for the District. The National Recycling Coalition awarded the District its 2005 Outstanding Government Program award. The District was selected over other programs from throughout the United States. This national recognition reflects the innovative and sustainable waste management programs that the District provides to its member towns. We are all grateful for this award and for the continued support of member towns.

In 2005, District towns recycled approximately 2,700 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,900 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$250,000 in disposal costs. Overall, recycling still makes good economic sense for District towns. The only disappointing aspect is that the recycling tonnage is almost identical to 2004, which means a stagnant recycling rate for the county. The District will encourage increased recycling through public education in 2006.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. On-line registration is increasingly popular. Just over 350 residents participated at the three regional sites. Almost 1,000 gallons of motor oil was collected! The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 9, 2006. The annual “Clean Sweep” bulky waste collection was held in October. There were 400 participants at three regional sites. We collected 55 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks!

Some new programs for 2006 include collecting and disposing of unused prescription medication, a program for junk car removal, and public education campaigns on hazardous products and plastics recycling. District residents can now use the Greenfield Transfer Station for a small day use fee plus disposal fees for a variety of waste materials.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

Diana Schindler, Colrain - *Vice-Chair*
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Treasurer*

Annual Report of The Fred Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 2005/2006 are \$218,005 (which includes unused Scholarship money from 2003/2004 that was reallocated to the scholarship fund).

EDUCATION:

The trustees received 340 applications and approved 322 students to receive **\$185,539**. This amount includes the two scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH:

Five (5) health programs were approved totaling **\$22,000:**

Community Health Center of Franklin County	\$7000.00
Green River House	\$2000.00
NELCWIT	\$5000.00
Pastoral Counseling	\$2000.00
TRIPP Memorial, Inc.	\$6000.00

AGRICULTURE:

An amount of **\$10,466** was allowed by the trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Fair	\$6,713.00
Heath Agricultural Fair	\$3,154.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$ 599.00

Respectfully submitted, Theodore G. Penick Trustee (Northfield)

Central Franklin County Veterans District

Dear Veterans' and Citizens of Northfield:

This past year was a good year for Veteran-related legislation which was passed during the previous 12 month. Here is a list of some of those bills.

State Bonus for returning Iraq Veterans.

Chapter 115 benefits for Peacetime Veterans.

Military pay differentials.

Distinguished Flying Cross plates.

Naming a road at the Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery "Charles E. Grout-Winchendon Lane"

Crime to remove Veterans' Flag holders from cemeteries.

The Holyoke Soldiers Home is also accepting applications for health care Benefits. They can be reached by calling 413-532-9475. The Holyoke Soldiers Home is a State funded hospital and I encourage all Veterans to apply.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is still offering the Two Thousand Dollars Annuity (2,000.00) for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat, and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection or combat.

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority provides transportation to Franklin County and Athol Veterans for Medical Appointments at VA Facilities every Tuesday and Thursday. The VA Clinic in Greenfield number is 413-773-8435

If you have any questions please call F.M. Kuzmeskus one week in advance at 413-863-2595.

Sincerely, Leo J. Parent, Jr Director



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